Exhibit A STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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## I. WATER SUPPLY

### A. PERMIT(S) MAY BE REQUIRED.

PURCHASER may not impound, divert, or use water under this Contract unless PURCHASER, in accordance with the substantive rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("TPWD"), or any other local, state, or federal regulatory authority, obtains and maintains any water rights permit, wastewater discharge permit, dredge and fill permits, any required approval related to threatened or endangered freshwater mussels that may occur in the vicinity of the PURCHASER's diversion facilities, or any other similar permit, that is necessary to authorize PURCHASER'S impoundment, diversion and/or consumptive use, and subsequent discharge, of water consistent with this Contract.

### B. MAXIMUM ANNUAL QUANTITY.

From and after the Effective Date hereof, PURCHASER shall have the right to a Maximum Annual Quantity (MAQ) of raw or untreated water per annum made available by LCRA as set forth in the terms of the Contract. For purposes of this Contract, the term "made available" refers to the greatest of: (i) the amount of water released or supplied from LCRA firm supplies to allow for diversions by PURCHASER; or (ii) the amount of water diverted by or for PURCHASER at the Point(s) of Availability plus the Loss Factor (defined below) times such amount. PURCHASER shall designate a point or points of availability for such water as described and depicted in Exhibit "B" attached hereto (the "Point(s) of Availability"), said Exhibit depicting the location by reference to a corner of an original land survey and/or other survey point, giving course and distance and providing the latitude and longitude. In the event that the Point(s) of Availability are located on a LCRA operated-canal, PURCHASER shall also identify a point or points of diversion for such water on the Colorado River ("Point(s) of Diversion"). Such Point(s) of Diversion, if any, shall be described and depicted in Exhibit "B" in the same manner described for Point(s) of Availability.

In the event that PURCHASER'S Point(s) of Availability are located downstream of Lake Travis, the Contract will specify a Loss Factor. The Loss Factor represents LCRA's best available estimate of the conveyance, delivery, or system loss incurred to provide water under this Contract. LCRA hereby reserves the right to modify the Loss Factor and make any associated changes to the MAQ, at any time, based on any revised estimates of conveyance, delivery, or system loss associated with the delivery of water to PURCHASER, including but not limited to changes in the source of supply LCRA uses to make water available to PURCHASER or updated and substantiated information related to river or canal losses.

PURCHASER may, at its option, conduct its own investigation of conveyance, delivery, or system losses, associated with the delivery of water by LCRA under this Contract. If PURCHASER conducts such study in accordance with LCRA's then-current Water Contract Rules, it shall provide to LCRA in a written report the results of any such investigation within sixty (60) calendar days of completion and LCRA agrees to consider whether any adjustment to the Loss Factor is appropriate under this Contract. If LCRA determines that an adjustment to the Loss Factor is appropriate, it shall provide PURCHASER written notice, by certified mail, of any change to the Loss Factor and resulting change to the Contract MAQ, within fifteen (15) business days of adopting such change. A change to the Loss Factor that results in an increase in the MAQ of 500 acre-feet per year or more shall not take effect until approved by the LCRA Board as an amendment to this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any provision in LCRA's raw water contract rules, LCRA will not require PURCHASER to obtain a new contract on the most current standard form water contract where the change to the MAQ is based solely on a change to the Loss Factor.

### C. EXCEEDANCE OF MAXIMUM ANNUAL QUANTITY.

If the amount of water made available to PURCHASER for any reason exceeds the Maximum Annual Quantity stated in PURCHASER's Contract during two (2) consecutive years, or two (2) out of any four (4) consecutive years, PURCHASER shall submit an application (including the application fee) for a new

standard form water contract for an adjusted MAQ, the reasonableness of which shall be determined consistent with LCRA's then effective Water Contract Rules, to the extent LCRA has water supplies available. If PURCHASER has not obtained a contract for an increased MAQ and has a subsequent exceedance within the immediately following five (5) years PURCHASER shall pay to LCRA the Recurrent Excess Use Charge described in Section II.B.5. To the extent provided by the LCRA Water Contract Rules, LCRA may allow PURCHASER to take alternate actions in lieu of submitting an application for a new standard form contract. In such event, PURCHASER shall not be subject to the Recurrent Excess Use Charge in the immediately following year, and will only be subject to such fee in the event of subsequent exceedances in two (2) out of any four (4) consecutives years.

**D. MAXIMUM DIVERSION RATE.**

PURCHASER may not divert water made available by LCRA under this Contract at a rate greater than as set forth in this Contract ("Maximum Diversion Rate").

**E. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY.**

1. The water made available for impoundment, diversion and/or use under this Contract will be water provided from any source available to LCRA at the time PURCHASER uses water under this Contract.

2. LCRA may make water available under this Contract in accordance with LCRA's Water Management Plan, as may be amended in accordance with state law from time to time, from storage in lakes Buchanan and/or Travis in accordance with water rights held by LCRA as set forth in Certificates of Adjudication No. 14-5478, as amended, and 14-5482, as amended.

3. LCRA may make water available under this Contract from water rights owned by LCRA based on that certain water right previously owned by the Garwood Irrigation Company and identified as Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-5434 issued by the Texas Water Commission on June 28, 1989, as amended (herein, "Garwood's Right"). That portion of Garwood's Right that is owned by LCRA (and for which reference is made to Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-5434C issued by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) is referred to herein as "Garwood's Remaining Right."

    a) PURCHASER acknowledges and agrees that LCRA may make water available for impoundment, diversion and/or use under this Contract from Garwood's Remaining Right only following approval by TCEQ, of amendments to allow use of Garwood's Remaining Right for the type of use authorized by this Contract at the Point of Diversion and/or Point of Availability.

    b) In this event, this Contract is subject to the commitments and conditions set forth in Section 7.08 of that certain Purchase Agreement, dated July 20, 1998, between Garwood Irrigation Company, as seller, and LCRA, as buyer (the "LCRA-Garwood Purchase Agreement"), and is further subject to all terms, provisions and special conditions contained within Garwood's Remaining Right, as amended. Copies of the LCRA-Garwood Purchase Agreement and Garwood's Remaining Right, as amended, are available from LCRA's website, and as of the date of execution of the contract, were specifically available at the following internet web-site address:

https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/water-supply-contracts/agricultural-irrigation-use/

PURCHASER also may obtain copies of the LCRA Purchase Agreement and Garwood's Remaining Right, as amended, by request to LCRA's address for notices herein. By executing this Contract, PURCHASER hereby acknowledges receipt of copies of the LCRA Purchase Agreement and Garwood's Remaining Right, as amended.

**F. TYPE OF USE.**

PURCHASER represents to LCRA and LCRA relies on such representation that all water made available under this Contract will be impounded, diverted, and/or used by PURCHASER for the type of use as described in this Contract, as such use is defined in the LCRA Water Contract Rules or by the substantive rules for water rights of TCEQ. In accordance with state law, any part of the water that PURCHASER impounds or diverts but does not use or consume for such use in accordance with this Contract shall be returned to the Colorado River or a tributary of the Colorado River.

**G. SERVICE AREA.**

Water made available under this Contract shall only be used within that certain area, as described in Exhibit C attached hereto and depicted in Exhibit D, attached hereto, together hereinafter called the "Service Area." In no event shall water supplied under this Contract be available to any area outside of LCRA's statutory water service area. Further, water supplied under this Contract shall not be available to any area outside the Colorado River basin unless such interbasin transfer is authorized by one or more water rights.

**H. WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY MEASURES.**

1. PURCHASER agrees to implement the water conservation program contained in the water conservation plan (the "Water Conservation Plan" or "WCP") described in Exhibit E attached hereto. PURCHASER further agrees that the water impounded and/or diverted by PURCHASER pursuant to this Contract will be used in accordance with such WCP.

2. PURCHASER agrees to implement the drought contingency program contained in the drought contingency plan (the "Drought Contingency Plan" or "DCP") described in Exhibit F attached hereto. PURCHASER further agrees that the water impounded and/or diverted by PURCHASER pursuant to this Contract will be used in accordance with such DCP.

3. PURCHASER shall review and update its WCP and DCP as provided in the Water Contract Rules, with such updates to be required among other things, on a periodic basis and in response to changes in the rules of LCRA or state laws or regulations.

4. If PURCHASER fails to submit an updated WCP or DCP, or fails to implement its WCP or DCP, after thirty (30) days following notice by LCRA of an ongoing failure to comply with the requirements, PURCHASER shall pay LCRA a one-hundred dollar ($100) administrative fee each month until an updated WCP and/or DCP is submitted or the WCP and/or DCP is implemented. The Contract is further subject to termination for failure of PURCHASER to update its WCP and/or DCP as specified in Section II.D.4.

## I. AVAILABILITY OF WATER.

LCRA is committing to make available to PURCHASER under this Contract a portion of LCRA's firm water supply, as defined in LCRA's Water Contract Rules; provided, however, LCRA may interrupt or curtail the water supplied under this Contract as required by state law or in accordance with LCRA's Water Management Plan or applicable Drought Contingency Plan(s), as such Plans and any amendments thereto have been approved and may be approved in the future by TCEQ.

In the event the Point(s) of Availability are upstream of Lake Buchanan and/or on a tributary to the Colorado River, water supplied under this Contract is water that otherwise would have flowed into the Colorado River and/or lakes Buchanan and Travis and is a commitment against LCRA's firm water supply, as defined in LCRA's Water Contract Rules, subject to diversion and use rights of all senior right holders upstream and downstream of the Point(s) of Availability. Diversions and/or impoundment at such upstream Point(s) of Availability require a water right permit issued by TCEQ. In addition to the interruptions or curtailments mentioned above, availability of water is further subject to factors associated with the Point(s) of Availability, including but not limited to the flow of the river or tributary, diversions of water by senior and superior water rights, and conditions in the upstream water right permit.

## J. DELIVERY OF WATER.

LCRA is responsible for making water available under this Contract only up to the MAQ. LCRA makes no guarantee that the water made available under this Contract will be available at any particular time or place or that any LCRA owned/operated reservoir or the Colorado River will be maintained at any specific elevation or flow at any particular time. Furthermore, PURCHASER acknowledges and agrees that LCRA's obligations under this Contract shall not require LCRA to make additional releases of water from LCRA firm water supplies beyond the MAQ or to make releases to raise the water elevations or flows at the Point(s) of Availability at a particular time sufficient for PURCHASER's intake and/or diversion facilities to operate.

## K. DEMAND SCHEDULE.

PURCHASER has provided a Demand Schedule (Exhibit G) that reflects PURCHASER's best estimate of the scheduled initiation of diversions, initial usage, annual projected water usage, and any increases of usage over time (at intervals no greater than every five (5) years and more frequent as requested by LCRA staff), of the water to be made available by LCRA under this Contract, consistent with LCRA's Water Contract Rules. The Demand Schedule shall include any plans for direct reuse of water made available under this Contract. PURCHASER shall review, update if needed, and provide to LCRA an updated Demand Schedule not less than once every five (5) years coincident with any updated Water Conservation Plans required by this Contract or LCRA's Water Contract Rules, or following written request by LCRA consistent with any other schedule that may be required by LCRA's Water Contract Rules.

## L. STATE REGULATION OF LCRA WATER SUPPLIES.

PURCHASER acknowledges and agrees that the water LCRA makes available under this Contract may be regulated in whole or in part by the State of Texas or local regulatory authorities. PURCHASER further acknowledges and agrees that LCRA's water rights are subject to regulation by the State of Texas, including

but not limited to periodic review and amendment of LCRA's Water Management Plan by TCEQ. LCRA and PURCHASER acknowledge and agree that LCRA shall be obligated to exercise due diligence to manage its water supplies within such regulatory regimes to make water available to PURCHASER in accordance with the terms of this Contract. PURCHASER acknowledges and agrees, however, that LCRA's obligations under this Contract may be affected by orders of the State of Texas, its agencies or local regulatory authorities. Orders of the State of Texas, its agencies or local regulatory authorities may constitute a "force majeure" event in accordance with this Contract.

**M. OPERATIONS OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS.**

The right of LCRA to maintain and operate its several dams and their appurtenances on the Colorado River and its associated tributaries and at any and all times in the future to impound and release waters thereby in any lawful manner and to any lawful extent LCRA may see fit is recognized by PURCHASER; and, except as otherwise provided herein, there shall be no obligation upon LCRA to release or not to release any impounded waters at any time or to maintain any waters at any specified elevation or flow. PURCHASER acknowledges that the elevations of said reservoirs and the Colorado River will vary as a result of hydrologic events, or lack thereof, (e.g. floods or droughts) in the watershed and LCRA's operations of its dams on the Colorado River.

**N. QUALITY OF WATER.**

LCRA makes no representation as to the quality of the water made available under this Contract, and PURCHASER hereby releases LCRA and agrees to hold it harmless from any and all claims that PURCHASER or PURCHASER's customers or users have or may have against LCRA for any diminution in or impairment of the quality of water made available under this Contract.

**O. INTERBASIN TRANSFER.**

Any surface water made available under this Contract may not be transferred or used outside of the Colorado River basin unless such transfer or use is within LCRA's water service area and authorized by a water right issued by TCEQ. In the event that PURCHASER has indicated its intent to transfer or use surface water made available under this Contract outside of the Colorado River basin in accordance with this section, PURCHASER, by executing this Contract, authorizes LCRA to apply to the TCEQ for the necessary authorization pursuant to Texas Water Code § 11.085 and 11.122 within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date of this Contract. LCRA shall diligently pursue such authorization after it is filed. PURCHASER shall pay for any costs and fees related to such application, including, but not limited to filing and notice fees, legal fees and expert fees, after LCRA bills PURCHASER for such costs and fees in accordance with this Contract.

**P. REQUIRED NOTICES.**

PURCHASER shall provide notice to LCRA of certain activities specified in the Water Contract Rules throughout the term of this Contract. Such notice requirements may apply to, among other things, intent to divert, plans for and implementation of reuse, activities related to a water right permit, agreement to supply a Secondary Purchaser, and change of ownership.

## II. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

**A. TERM OF CONTRACT.**

This Contract shall be for the term of years as set forth in this Contract, which shall commence on the Effective Date and end on the anniversary of the Effective Date in the last year of the contract term as set forth in this Contract, unless terminated earlier by either party as provided below.

**B. PAYMENT.**

1. The "Water Rate" is the rate determined by the LCRA Board of Directors to then be in effect for all sales of firm water for the same use as provided in this Contract. The "Reservation Rate" is the rate determined by the LCRA Board to then be in effect for the reservation of firm water for the same use as provided in this Contract. The "Inverted Block Rate" is the rate determined by the Board to then be in effect for diversion or use of water in amounts in excess of the MAQ.

2. The Water Rate presently in effect is $~~155~~175 per acre-foot ($~~0.48~~0.54 per 1,000 gallons) of water. The Reservation Rate presently in effect is $~~77.50~~87.50 per acre-foot. The Inverted Block Rate presently in effect is $~~310~~350 per acre-foot of water. LCRA reserves all rights that it may have under law to modify the Water Rate, the Reservation Rate, or the Inverted Block Rate. PURCHASER understands and acknowledges that the Water Rate, Reservation Rate, and the Inverted Block Rate set forth in this Contract have been approved by the LCRA Board, and that the Board may change all rates, fees and charges under the Contract from time to time.

3. Reservation Charge.

   a) PURCHASER agrees and covenants to pay – on a monthly basis – an amount of money equal to the Reservation Rate multiplied by one-twelfth (1/12) of the MAQ (the "Monthly Reservation Charge") which shall be for the preceding billing period. However, in the event the MAQ is 250 acre-feet per year or more and PURCHASER is not an existing customer in good standing (with an on-time payment history of at least five years) nor a governmental entity exercising taxing authority, for the period until the later of the fifth full calendar year since the Effective Date or the year in which PURCHASER's water use equals at least twenty percent (20%) of the MAQ, PURCHASER shall pre-pay on a non-refundable basis for the reservation of water as follows: PURCHASER agrees to and covenants to pay LCRA – on the first billing period after the Effective Date of this Agreement – an amount equal to the Reservation Rate multiplied by the MAQ ("Prepaid Annual Reservation Charge"), which amount shall be prorated to the end of the calendar year in which this Contract becomes effective; and thereafter, PURCHASER agrees and covenants to pay LCRA the Prepaid Reservation Charge on the first billing period of each calendar year. Following the later of the fifth full calendar year since the Effective Date or the year in which PURCHASER's water use equals at least twenty percent (20%) of the MAQ, PURCHASER shall pay the Monthly Reservation Charge described above.

   b) In the event this Contract is for recreational or irrigation use with a MAQ not exceeding 30 acre-feet per year and specifies semi-annual billing, in lieu of subparagraph a, above, PURCHASER agrees and covenants to pay – on a semi-annual basis – an amount of money equal to the Reservation Rate multiplied by one-half of the MAQ (the "Prepaid Semi-annual Reservation Charge") which shall be for the upcoming semi-annual billing period.

4. Use Charge.

   a) PURCHASER agrees and covenants to pay LCRA – on a monthly basis – an amount of money (the "Use Charge") equal to the Water Rate less the Reservation Rate multiplied by the amount of water made available to the PURCHASER during the previous monthly billing period ("Monthly Use").

   b) In the event this Contract is for recreational or irrigation use with a MAQ not exceeding 30 acre-feet per year and specifies semi-annual billing, in lieu of subparagraph a, above, PURCHASER agrees and covenants to pay LCRA – on a

semi-annual basis – an amount of money (the "Semi-annual Use Charge") equal to the Water Rate less the Reservation Rate multiplied by the amount of water made available to the PURCHASER during the previous semi-annual billing period.

c) For purposes of this section, the term "made available" refers to the greatest of: (i) the amount of water released or supplied from LCRA firm water supplies to allow for diversions by PURCHASER; or (ii) the amount of water diverted by or for PURCHASER at the Point(s) of Availability plus the Loss Factor, if any, multiplied times such amount.

5. PURCHASER further agrees and covenants to pay LCRA – on a calendar year basis – an amount of money (the "Excess Use Charge") equal to the Inverted Block Rate multiplied by any amount of water made available to PURCHASER in excess of the MAQ during the previous calendar year, less any amount PURCHASER has previously paid for the same water through use and/or reservation charges. In the event the amount of water made available to PURCHASER exceeds the MAQ on a recurrent basis as described in Section I.C., PURCHASER further agrees and covenants to pay LCRA – on a calendar year basis – an amount of money (the "Recurrent Excess Use Charge") equal to the Inverted Block Rate multiplied by any amount of water made available to PURCHASER in excess of the MAQ during the previous calendar year. Such Recurrent Excess Use Charge shall be in addition to the Excess Use Charge. In the event the amount of water made available to PURCHASER is limited because of a curtailment imposed by LCRA or state law in accordance with this Contract to an amount less than the MAQ, then PURCHASER shall pay a surcharge, in excess of any Use or Reservation Charges, to be set by the LCRA Board, multiplied by any amount of water made available to PURCHASER in excess of the amount PURCHASER is authorized to have available during the curtailment (the "Curtailment Surcharge").

6. The term "billing period," as used for purposes of metering and billing in this Contract, shall refer to each period between readings of the meter(s), which readings typically are performed on a monthly basis or semi-annual basis, and may be taken around the middle, rather than then end, of each month. All charges under this Contract shall be pro-rated as necessary to reflect the Effective Date or date of termination of this Contract. For purposes of metering and billing, the "calendar year" may be based upon the 12-month period from the December meter reading date to the next December reading date. If this Contract specifies semi-annual billing, the initial billing period will be pro-rated to end in either mid-June or mid-December.

7. Each month, LCRA will mail an invoice to PURCHASER showing the Monthly Use. Such invoice shall also show the amount of money owed by PURCHASER to LCRA in accordance with the Pre-paid Reservation Charge, Monthly Reservation Charge and/or Use Charge and any late payment charges, as specified herein. In the event this Contract is for recreational or irrigation use with a MAQ not exceeding 30 acre-feet per year and specifies semi-annual billing, in lieu of monthly invoices, invoices will occur on a semi-annual basis and shall show the Semi-annual Use, the Prepaid Semi-annual Reservation Charge, the Semi-annual Use Charge, and any late payment charges.

8. The invoice mailed by LCRA to PURCHASER in the month of January each year, in addition to showing the amount of money owed by PURCHASER to LCRA in accordance with paragraph 7, shall also show any amount of water that PURCHASER had made available to it in excess of the MAQ during the previous calendar year, as well as the corresponding Excess Use Charge and the Recurrent Excess Use Charge, if applicable.

9. PURCHASER shall pay LCRA for water provided under this Contract in the amount of each invoice submitted to PURCHASER by LCRA on or before thirty (30) days from the date of

the invoice. PURCHASER shall mail checks for payments to the address indicated on the invoice. PURCHASER may pay by hand-delivery of checks or cash to LCRA's headquarters in Austin, Travis County, Texas, or by bank-wire if PURCHASER obtains LCRA's approval and makes arrangements for doing so prior to the due date. Payment may also be made by other means that may be specified on the invoice. Payment must be received at the address provided on the invoice, or, if approved, at LCRA's headquarters or bank, not later than thirty (30) days from the invoice date in order not to be considered past due or late. In the event PURCHASER fails to make payment of that invoice within thirty (30) days of the invoice date, PURCHASER shall then pay a late payment charge of five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount of the invoice. For each calendar month or fraction thereof that the invoice remains unpaid, PURCHASER shall pay interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month on the unpaid portion of the invoice. In the event PURCHASER attempts to pay LCRA by check, draft, credit card or any other similar instrument, and the instrument is returned or refused by the bank or other similar institution as insufficient or non-negotiable for any reason, PURCHASER shall be assessed and must pay to LCRA, per each returned instrument, the LCRA's current returned instrument fee. If the invoice has not been paid within thirty (30) days of the invoice date, PURCHASER further agrees to pay all costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees, regardless of whether suit is filed.

**C. MEASURING WATER.**

1. To measure the amount of water diverted by PURCHASER hereunder, PURCHASER agrees at PURCHASER's expense to install and provide access to such measuring and recording devices or methods as specified by the Rules. PURCHASER must repair, replace or make necessary improvements to a meter that is not in compliance with this Contract or LCRA's Rules promptly after PURCHASER becomes aware of the deficiency that causes the meter to not comply with this Contract or LCRA's Water Contract Rules.

2. Meter readings shall be taken on or about the 15th day of each month. If Contract is for recreational or irrigation use with a MAQ not exceeding 30 acre-feet per year and specifies semi-annual billing, readings shall be taken on or about June 15 and Dec. 15. PURCHASER agrees to read meter and submit meter reading to LCRA via electronic mail, online portal, or other format as specified by LCRA.

3. PURCHASER agrees that the Meter shall be tested for accuracy by qualified personnel as approved by LCRA and at the expense of PURCHASER once each calendar year at intervals of approximately twelve (12) months if the MAQ is greater than 30 acre-feet per year, and at intervals of approximately twenty-four (24) months if the MAQ does not exceed 30 acre-feet per year.

   a) PURCHASER shall furnish to LCRA a report of such test results. Readings within five percent (5%) of accuracy shall be considered correct.

   b) In the event PURCHASER fails to timely test the Meter and report the results to LCRA, the following shall take effect

      (1) Following a period of fifteen (15) months from the prior test, or a period of 27 months if the MAQ does not exceed 30 acre-feet per year, for each month that such failure to test and/or report results continues, PURCHASER shall pay a $100 administrative fee.

      (2) Following a period of eighteen (18) months from the prior test, or a period of thirty (30) months if the MAQ does not exceed 30 acre-feet per year, for each billing period that such failure to test and/or report continues, PURCHASER's Monthly Water Use for purposes of determining the Water

Charge will be deemed to be the greater of the metered value, one-twelfth of the MAQ, or the prior year's water use for the given month. If the Contract is for semi-annual billing, PURCHASER'S Semi-annual Water Use for purposes of determining the Semi-annual Water Charge will be deemed to be the greater of the metered value, one-half of the MAQ, or the prior year's Semi-annual Water Use for the given semi-annual period.

(3) Following a period of twenty-one (21) months from the prior test, or a period of thirty-three (33) months if the MAQ does not exceed 30 acre-feet per year, for each billing period that such failure to test and/or report continues, PURCHASER shall be subject to a twenty five percent (25%) surcharge on all reservation charges and use charges.

c) If, at any time, LCRA provides PURCHASER a written notice that questions the accuracy of the Meter, PURCHASER promptly shall test the Meter and, in this event, the expense of such test will be paid by LCRA if the Meter is found to be correct and by PURCHASER if it is found to be incorrect.

d) Any party that tests the Meter shall provide written notice of the test to the other party at least five (5) business days in advance of the test and shall allow the other party to observe the test.

e) PURCHASER shall be required to take necessary steps to correct any inaccuracy in the Meter discovered during any test. LCRA may install, at its expense, check meters in or to any of PURCHASER's Meters at any time and may leave such check meters installed for such periods as is reasonably necessary to determine the accuracy of PURCHASER's Meters.

f) If, as a result of any test, the Meter is found to be registering inaccurately (i.e., in excess of five percent (5%) of accuracy), the readings of the Meter shall be corrected at the rate of its inaccuracy for any period which is definitely known and agreed upon or, if no such period is known and agreed upon, the shorter of the following periods shall be used as the basis for correction:

(1) a period extended back either sixty (60) days from the date of demand for the test or, if no demand for the test was made, sixty (60) days from the date of the test; or

(2) a period extending back half of the time elapsed since the last previous test; and the records of reading shall be adjusted accordingly.

4. In the event PURCHASER is charged based on water released from LCRA firm water supplies under this Contract rather than the actual amount withdrawn from the reservoir or stream by PURCHASER, LCRA shall include the amount of such releases in the monthly invoice provided to PURCHASER. LCRA shall make available information regarding its calculation of the amount of water released attributable to PURCHASER's actual diversions under this Contract within a reasonable period following PURCHASER's written request.

**D. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT OR REDUCTION IN MAXIMUM ANNUAL QUANTITY.**

This Contract may be terminated or the MAQ may be reduced as follows:

1. PURCHASER shall provide one year's notice of its intent to terminate this Contract or reduce the MAQ, and must be current on all payments due at the time of such notice and

the time of such termination or reduction. If the MAQ is less than 500 acre-feet, PURCHASER may terminate this Contract or reduce the MAQ following the expiration of five (5) years from the Effective Date. If the MAQ is 500 acre-feet or more, beginning with the five-year anniversary of the Effective Date of the contract, Purchaser may reduce the MAQ by no more than the greater of 250 acre-feet or twenty-five percent (25%) of the original MAQ once every 12 months. PURCHASER may pre-pay outstanding reservation fees as determined by LCRA that would be due over the projected remaining duration of the contract and terminate this Contract in lieu of maintaining the Contract in effect for the period of notice and/or stepped reductions in MAQ. In the event the Rules provide alternative provisions for early termination or reduction in MAQ, PURCHASER also may terminate or reduce consistent with the Rules.

2. Upon sixty (60) days' written notice to PURCHASER, LCRA may consider reducing the MAQ under this Contract at any time after ten year(s) after the Effective Date of this Contact if PURCHASER's maximum annual use has not been at least ~~ten percent~~ twenty-five percent of the MAQ on an annual basis within the first ten years. Within thirty (30) days of LCRA's written notice that it is considering reduction of the MAQ, PURCHASER shall provide LCRA with a written assurance and updated Demand Schedule that demonstrates PURCHASER's intent to increase its diversions under this Contract within the next two (2) years to an amount that will be at least ~~ten~~ twenty five percent (~~10~~25%) of the original MAQ secured by this Contract. If PURCHASER fails to or is unable provide such written assurance, or if at least ~~ten~~ twenty five percent (~~10~~25%) of the MAQ is not put to use on an annual basis within the two-year period, LCRA may thereafter, at its sole option, terminate the contract or reduce the MAQ to any amount LCRA deems appropriate and reasonable under LCRA's raw water contract rules in effect at the time. In addition, if PURCHASER's maximum annual use has not been at least percent (50%) percent of the MAQ on an annual basis during the ten-year period up to and including the 20 year anniversary of the Effective Date of this Contract, LCRA may provide notice and PURCHASER shall provide a written assurance and updated Demand Schedule that demonstrates PURCHASER's intent to increase its diversions under this Contract within the next two years to an amount that will be at least 50%. If PURCHASER fails to or is unable provide such written assurance, or if at least 50% of the MAQ is not put to use on an annual basis within the two-year period, LCRA may thereafter, at its sole option, terminate the contract or reduce the MAQ to any amount LCRA deems appropriate and reasonable under LCRA's raw water contract rules in effect at the time. An adjustment to the MAQ of this Contract under this section does not require PURCHASER to obtain a new contract on the most current standard form contract.

3. LCRA at its sole option, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section II.E, "Non-Payment," may terminate this Contract without recourse should PURCHASER fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract for the payment of moneys owed to LCRA pursuant to Section II.B. "Payment."

4. LCRA at its sole option, may terminate this Contract if: (a) PURCHASER fails to comply with its Water Conservation Plan or its Drought Contingency Plan; or (b) PURCHASER fails to amend its Water Conservation Plan or its Drought Contingency Plan to reflect changes in LCRA's Water Conservation Plan Rules, LCRA's Drought Contingency Plan Rules, or state law or rules. LCRA shall provide notice of default prior to terminating under this section and PURCHASER shall have ninety (90) days to cure such default (or, if the nature of such default is not susceptible of being cured within such ninety (90) day period, such longer period of time during which PURCHASER diligently prosecutes the cure of such default, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days) of PURCHASER's receipt of written notice of such default.

5. If PURCHASER fails to comply with the requirements of Sections III.A, "Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement," III.B, "Sewage Regulations," or III.C, "Documentation of Compliance; Right of Entry," LCRA may, at its sole option, terminate this Contract without recourse unless such default is cured within thirty (30) days of the date LCRA provides written notice

to PURCHASER (or if the nature of such default is not susceptible of being cured within such thirty (30) day period, such longer period of time during which PURCHASER diligently prosecutes the cure of such default, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days) of PURCHASER's receipt of written notice of such default. For purposes of this section, LCRA shall not deem PURCHASER to be in default for so long as PURCHASER is in compliance with any remedial or enforcement agreement authorized by an agency of appropriate jurisdiction.

6. If PURCHASER fails to comply with other requirements of this Contract not specifically

stated above, LCRA may, at its sole option, terminate this Contract without recourse unless such default is cured within thirty (30) days (or, if the nature of such default is not susceptible of being cured within such thirty (30) day period, such longer period of time during which PURCHASER diligently prosecutes the cure of such default, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days) of PURCHASER's receipt of written notice of such default.

7. Subject to the requirements of applicable bankruptcy laws, including the rights of a trustee to assume contracts under applicable bankruptcy laws, this Contract may be terminated immediately by LCRA upon the declaration of bankruptcy by PURCHASER.

8. In the event TCEQ or any other local, state, or federal regulatory agency denies to PURCHASER, or terminates for any reason, a permit required by this Contract, PURCHASER shall notify LCRA within three (3) business days and immediately cease diversions under this Contract. LCRA, at its sole option, may terminate this Contract on or after the denial or termination of any permit required by this Contract is final and non-appealable.

PURCHASER shall remain liable for all fees and charges accruing under the Contract through the date the Contract is terminated, including but not limited to a pro-rated Reservation Charge through the date of termination. In the event LCRA terminates this Contract as provided herein, PURCHASER shall suspend immediately upon such termination all withdrawal of water from the Colorado River, or any tributaries thereof, under this Contract. LCRA may exercise any rights that it may have at law or in equity to prevent unauthorized withdrawals by PURCHASER or enforce the requirements of PURCHASER's Water Permit, if any. In the event that the contract is terminated based upon the denial or termination of a permit required by this Contract, PURCHASER shall be required to pay an early termination fee equal to the Reservation Rate times the MAQ.

LCRA shall have no obligation to continue to make water available after the expiration of the Contract term, or the early termination of the Contract.

**E. NON-PAYMENT.**

1. If LCRA determines that PURCHASER has not paid the full amount owed for any payment due under Section II.B, "Payment", hereof within the time provided therefore, LCRA shall give written notice to PURCHASER stating the amount LCRA has determined is due and unpaid. If LCRA gives notice as provided herein and PURCHASER fails to pay within thirty (30) days the amounts claimed in such notice to be due and unpaid, LCRA may, at its sole option: (1) upon giving ten (10) days written notice to PURCHASER terminate this Contract without recourse; and/or, (2) request injunctive relief from a court of competent jurisdiction to prevent PURCHASER from impounding and/or diverting additional water pursuant to this Contract.

2. If PURCHASER should dispute PURCHASER's obligation to pay all or any part of the amount stated in any invoice or notice, PURCHASER may, in addition to all other rights that PURCHASER may have under law, pay such amount under protest in which case such amount shall be deposited by LCRA in an interest bearing account mutually acceptable to both LCRA and PURCHASER pending final resolution of such dispute in accordance with Section IV.H, "Dispute Resolution." LCRA may not terminate this Contract, or request injunctive relief to prevent additional impoundments and/or diversions for failure to pay the amount stated in any invoice or notice if PURCHASER pays such amount under protest and until there is a final resolution of such dispute in accordance with Section IV.H, "Dispute Resolution," favorable to LCRA.

### F. EQUITABLE REMEDIES.

PURCHASER agrees that diversions or impoundments of water by PURCHASER without the authorization provided by this Contract will result in damages to LCRA that cannot be adequately compensated by money alone. As a result, PURCHASER agrees that LCRA shall have available to it equitable remedies, including injunctive relief against additional diversions or impoundments by PURCHASER unless PURCHASER demonstrates that it is otherwise authorized to divert or impound water. In addition, PURCHASER agrees that the provisions of Section IV.H, "Dispute Resolution," will not apply to any legal action brought by LCRA seeking equitable remedies under this Contract except as expressly provided by Section II.E.2 regarding "Non-payment."

### G. NOTICE.

Any notice to LCRA shall be provided in the manner specified in the Rules and invoices to PURCHASER shall be addressed as set forth in the General Terms of this Contract.

All payments to LCRA shall be addressed as set forth in the General Terms of this Contract.

Either party may change its address by giving written notice of such change to the other party. PURCHASER is required to provide notice of change in address or contact person within ten (10) days of such change. PURCHASER shall maintain a physical address on file with LCRA.

### H. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT.

PURCHASER shall have the right to assign this Contract provided that: i) there is no change to the MAQ, source, type of use or Service Area provided in this Contract; ii) prior to such assignment, this Contract is amended to be consistent with all terms of LCRA's then-current standard form contract for purchase of firm water and LCRA's then-current Water Contract Rules as determined by LCRA; iii) the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan are updated as may be necessary in accordance with this Contract as determined by LCRA; iv) PURCHASER provides LCRA at least sixty (60) days prior written notice of such assignment; v) PURCHASER is not in default under this Contract at the time of such assignment; and vi) PURCHASER or assignee make payment of all amounts due that have, or will have, accrued through the date of assignment. In the event the Contract is not consistent with the then-current standard form contract, LCRA, at its sole option, may authorize an assignment with a requirement for a subsequent replacement contract following procedures in the Water Contract Rules.

### I. COMPLIANCE WITH FILING REQUIREMENTS.

LCRA agrees to file a copy of this Contract with the TCEQ Executive Director, P.O. Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, it being fully recognized by PURCHASER hereunder that the effectiveness of this Contract is dependent upon compliance with the substantive rules and procedural rules for water rights of TCEQ.

## III. ENVIRONMENTAL, PERMITTING AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO WATER SUPPLY

### A. NONPOINT SOURCE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT.

If PURCHASER will use water under this Contract to serve areas located within the jurisdictional area of LCRA Highland Lakes Watershed Ordinance, the Highland Lakes Dredge and Fill Ordinance, or any other LCRA water quality ordinance that has been adopted by the LCRA Board, PURCHASER agrees to comply with and shall comply with the provisions of that respective ordinance, which ordinance may require a permit and compliance with other applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations pertaining to water quality protection. If PURCHASER will use water under this Contract to serve areas wholly outside the jurisdiction of an LCRA water quality ordinance, PURCHASER agrees to comply with and shall comply with any applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations pertaining to water quality protection.

PURCHASER further agrees to distribute to its customers in its service area water quality protection educational materials that LCRA provides to PURCHASER.

**B. SEWAGE REGULATIONS.**

PURCHASER agrees to obtain, or cause to be obtained, all approvals required by all applicable local, state or federal agencies for any sanitary sewage system or systems that collect sewage derived from water diverted herein or any sanitary sewage system whose effluent is discharged within the boundaries of LCRA's statutory district. Failure of PURCHASER to meet any standards imposed by such agencies for sanitary sewage systems, including on-site systems, shall subject PURCHASER under this Contract to all remedies allowed by law including, without limitation, termination or suspension of this Contract by LCRA. PURCHASER further agrees that if a sewage treatment plant is located within the Service Area, LCRA shall have reasonable access to such plant for the purpose of taking samples of sewage effluent from such plant for testing by LCRA to determine whether PURCHASER is in compliance with regulatory standards imposed by such agencies.

**C. DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLIANCE; RIGHT OF ENTRY.**

1. In addition to notices required by Section I.P. of this Contract, PURCHASER shall provide LCRA copies of any approvals that PURCHASER has received from federal, state, or local agencies that relate to water reserved or purchased pursuant to PURCHASER's Contract or to facilities intended to impound, divert, transport, or use water provided under PURCHASER's Contract within a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed fifteen (15) business days, following a written request by LCRA staff.

2. PURCHASER agrees that LCRA employees and agents shall be entitled to enter any property where facilities impound or deliver water to the Service Area of PURCHASER at any reasonable time following a reasonable attempt at prior notification for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the quality of water; the compliance by PURCHASER with any rule, regulation, permit or other order of the state, its agencies, local regulatory authorities or LCRA; compliance by PURCHASER with the requirements of this Contract; or, inspection of any of PURCHASER's facilities related to the use, diversion or impoundment of water under this Contract. LCRA employees or agents acting under this Contract who enter PURCHASER's property shall observe rules and regulations concerning safety, internal security, and fire protection, and shall notify any occupant or management of their presence and shall exhibit proper credentials.

**D. ANNUAL REPORTS OF DUE DILIGENCE; AS-BUILT PLANS.**

1. PURCHASER shall report to LCRA, on a yearly basis, progress made toward obtaining any and all necessary authorizations (e.g. TCEQ permits, USACE permits, etc.) as well as progress towards commencing and completing construction of facilities which will be used to divert, impound, and/or convey water under PURCHASER's Contract.

2. PURCHASER shall provide to LCRA, upon request, "as-built" drawings and plans (including GPS coordinates of any intakes or impoundments) for facilities which will be used to divert, impound, and/or convey water under PURCHASER's Contract within thirty (30) days of completion of construction.

## IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**A. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

"Effective Date" means the last date of execution of this Contract by the Parties; provided all of the Parties must execute this Contract for it to be effective.

**B. PREVIOUS CONTRACT.**

In the event of a previous contract between the Parties related to the Service Area of this Contract prior to the Effective Date, this Contract replaces such prior contract unless specified otherwise hereunder.

**C. INDEMNIFICATION.**

PURCHASER will indemnify and hold LCRA harmless from any and all claims and demands whatsoever to which LCRA may be subjected by reason of any injury to any person or damage to any property resulting from any and all actions and activities (or failure to act) of PURCHASER under this Contract except to the extent caused by LCRA's gross negligence or willful misconduct. PURCHASER's pumping and related facilities shall be installed, operated and maintained by PURCHASER at PURCHASER's sole risk. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as authorizing PURCHASER, or recognizing that PURCHASER has any right, to install any equipment or improvements on property owned by LCRA or third parties.

LCRA will hold PURCHASER harmless from any and all claims or demands whatsoever to which LCRA may be subjected by reason of any injury to any person or damage to any property resulting from or in any way connected with any and all actions and activities (or failure to act) of LCRA under this Contract that are not resulting from or in any way connected with any and all actions and activities (or failure to act) of PURCHASER under this Contract.

**D. FORCE MAJEURE.**

The term "Force Majeure" as used herein, shall mean those situations or conditions that are beyond the control of LCRA or PURCHASER and that, after the exercise of due diligence to remedy such situation or condition, render LCRA or PURCHASER unable, wholly or in part, to carry out the covenants contained herein. Such force majeure includes, but is not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts, acts of the public enemy, orders of any kind of the government or agencies of the United States or of the State of Texas, excluding LCRA, or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines, canals, or dams, partial or entire failure of water supply insofar as each of the foregoing are beyond the reasonable control of the party in question. LCRA shall not be held liable or responsible for any damage that may be caused by its inability, after the exercise of due diligence, to make the supply of water available to PURCHASER due to any force majeure. LCRA shall use reasonable and timely diligence to repair or recondition LCRA's machinery, canals, or dams in the event such machinery, canals or dams are damaged or made unserviceable from any force majeure.

**E. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY.**

The Parties hereto are entering into this Contract solely for the benefit of themselves and agree that nothing herein shall be construed to confer any right, privilege or benefit on any person or entity other than the Parties hereto.

**F. NO RIGHTS OR TITLE ACQUIRED.**

PURCHASER agrees and acknowledges that it acquires by this Contract no rights or title to the water that is the subject of this Contract other than those rights explicitly set forth herein.

**G. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.**

Each of LCRA and PURCHASER represents and warrants to the other that this Contract has been duly executed by an authorized officer and constitutes a valid and binding Contract, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms (except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy laws or other similar laws relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles).

## H. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

1. Settlement by Mutual Agreement or Mediation.

In the event any dispute, controversy or claim between or among the Parties arises under this Contract or is connected with or related in any way to this Contract or any right, duty or obligation arising hereunder or the relationship of the Parties hereunder (a "Dispute or Controversy"), including, but not limited to, a Dispute or Controversy relating to the effectiveness, validity, interpretation, implementation, termination, cancellation, or enforcement of this Contract, the Parties shall first attempt in good faith to settle and resolve such Dispute or Controversy by mutual agreement in accordance with the terms of this subsection 1. In the event a Dispute or Controversy arises, any party shall have the right to notify the other party to such Dispute or Controversy that it has elected to implement the procedures set forth in this subsection 1. Within thirty (30) days after delivery of any such notice by one party to the other regarding a Dispute or Controversy, the designated representatives of the Parties shall meet at a mutually agreed time and place to attempt, with diligence and good faith, to resolve and settle such Dispute or Controversy. Should a mutual resolution and settlement not be obtained at the meeting of the Parties' designated representatives for such purpose or should no such meeting take place within such thirty (30) day period, then any party may by notice to the other party, as the case may be, refer the Dispute or Controversy to senior management of the Parties for resolution. Within thirty (30) days after delivery of any such notice by one party to the other referring such Dispute or Controversy to senior management of the Parties for resolution, representatives of senior management of each of the Parties shall meet at a mutually agreed upon time and place to attempt, with diligence and good faith, to resolve and settle such Dispute or Controversy. Should mutual resolution and settlement not be obtained at the meeting of representatives of senior management of each of the Parties for such purposes or should no such meeting take place within such thirty (30) day period (unless extended by mutual agreement), then any party may by notice to the other party, as the case may be, submit the Dispute or Controversy to non-binding mediation. The Parties shall make a good-faith effort to agree on the appointment of a mediator. If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator within thirty (30) calendar days of delivery of written notice, the Parties shall promptly select a mutually acceptable mediation provider entity, which entity shall, as soon as practicable following such entity's selection, designate a mediator, who is a licensed attorney with general knowledge of law relevant to the dispute and has no ongoing business relationship with either party.

2. Choice of Law, Venue, and Waiver of Jury Trial.

This contract shall be governed in all respects by the internal laws of the State of Texas, excluding its rules regarding conflicts of law, and the jurisdiction and venue for any proceeding arising out of or relating to this Contract shall be solely in Travis County, Texas. EACH PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION, PROCEEDING, CAUSE OF ACTION, OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

3. Emergency Relief.

Notwithstanding the Parties' agreement to arbitrate Dispute and Controversies, either party may seek injunctive relief or other form of emergency relief at any time from any state court of competent jurisdiction in Austin, Texas, the federal court for such district, or any state or federal regulatory agency of competent jurisdiction.

4. Survival.

The provisions of this Section IV.H shall survive expiration or earlier termination of this Contract.

**I. ACTUAL DAMAGES.**

NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE OR HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR DELAY-RELATED OR PERFORMANCE-RELATED DAMAGES INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST EARNINGS OR PROFITS. SUCH LIMITATION ON LIABILITY SHALL APPLY TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION, WHETHER IT IS BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, TORT, STATUTE OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IV.I SHALL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE PARTY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECTION IV.C.

**J. AMENDMENT.**

This Contract may not be modified or amended except by an instrument in writing signed by authorized representatives of the Parties.

**K. BINDING EFFECT.**

The terms of this Contract shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Parties and their permitted successors and assigns.

**L. COMPLETE CONTRACT.**

This Contract, together with all Exhibits attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract and supersedes all prior contracts, agreements or understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof, both oral or written.

Each party agrees that the other party (and its agents and representatives) has not made, and has not relied upon, any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement relating to the transactions contemplated hereunder other than those expressly set forth herein.

**M. COUNTERPARTS.**

This Contract may be executed by the Parties in any number of separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same agreement. All signatures need not be on the same counterpart.

**N. FURTHER ASSURANCES.**

Each party agrees to do all acts and things and to execute and deliver such further written instruments, as may be from time to time reasonably required to carry out the terms and provisions of this Contract.

**O. GOVERNING LAW.**

This Contract and the rights and duties of the Parties arising out of this Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas, without reference to the conflict of laws rules thereof.

**P. HEADINGS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

The headings of the Articles and Sections of this Contract and the Table of Contents are included for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Contract.

**Q. INCORPORATION OF WATER CONTRACT RULES.**

PURCHASER acknowledges receipt of LCRA's Water Contract Rules ("Rules"), and further acknowledges that, unless expressly stated otherwise in this Contract, such Rules, as may be amended by the LCRA Board from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**R. INTERPRETATION AND RELIANCE.**

No presumption will apply in favor of any party in the interpretation of this Contract or in the resolution of any ambiguity of any provisions thereof.

**S. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES.**

This Contract and the transactions contemplated hereunder are based upon the active participation of all Parties.

Neither the execution nor delivery of this Contract, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder, shall create or constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other form of business organization or arrangement between the Parties, except for the contractual arrangements specifically set forth in this Contract. Except as is expressly agreed to in writing in this Contract, no party (or any of its agents, officers or employees) shall be an agent or employee of the other party, nor shall a party (or any of its agents, officers or employees) have any power to assume or create any obligation on behalf of the other party. Nothing contained in this Contract shall create or constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other form of business organization or arrangement among LCRA on the one hand and the PURCHASER on the other hand, except for the contractual arrangements specifically set forth herein.

**T. SEVERABILITY.**

In the event that any provision of this Contract is held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the Parties shall negotiate an equitable adjustment to the provisions of this Contract with the view to effecting, to the extent possible, the original purpose and intent of this Contract, and the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

**U. NO ADDITIONAL WAIVER IMPLIED.**

No waiver or waivers of any breach or default (or any breaches or defaults) of any term, covenant, condition or liability under this Contract, or of performance by the other party of any duty or obligation under this Contract, shall be deemed or construed to be a waiver of subsequent breaches or defaults of any kind, under any circumstances.

**V. SHORT TERM SALES OF FIRM WATER TO THIRD PARTIES.**

LCRA and PURCHASER agree that LCRA may market and re-sell any portion of PURCHASER's Reserved Water to third parties on a limited term basis for a management fee and under terms mutually acceptable to LCRA and PURCHASER and in accordance with LCRA Board Policies.