

January 16, 2026

Hilary Graves
c/o Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District
Delivery via email only

Re: Proposal for Services

Dear Ms. Graves:

Altum Aqua Logic, LLC ("Altum") is pleased to submit this proposal for consulting services to Estrella-El Pomar-Creston WD ("EEPCWD"). If executed by EEPCWD, this letter and any subsequent modifications contemplated herein will constitute an agreement between EEPCWD and Altum to be construed in accordance with California law. This letter and any subsequent modifications contemplated herein will describe the proposed terms of our engagement commencing on the date of execution and ending on March 1, 2026 and will be our entire agreement with respect to Altum's engagement for the services described below.

Scope of Services

EEPCWD has asked Altum to participate in a series of small group discussions to take place over the course of a single day in February 2026. At the time of this proposal, a date has not been selected for these conversations. Altum and EEPCWD will work together to mutually identify a suitable date for the services to be provided.

EEPCWD shall arrange for a venue and invite personnel of their choosing. EEPCWD shall identify topics of interest and share those topics with Altum prior to the small group discussions.

Altum will provide EEPCWD and invited guests with strategic guidance on water-related subjects of interest with emphasis on opportunities and threats relative to SGMA implementation in the Paso Robles Area Subbasin. We anticipate that subjects will be wide-ranging but will focus on SGMA-compliance basics, observations and lessons learned in other California subbasins, and an overview of State Water Resources Control Board authorities under SGMA.

Fees and Billing

Altum's fee for the proposed Services would be \$1,500 payable within 30 days of the completion of the small group discussion. This will be the total amount due to Altum. We do not charge for routine expenses such as normal long-distance telephone calls, automobile travel within California, and in-house photocopying. Should we anticipate a need to incur extraordinary out of pocket expenses in connection with our work for EEPCWD, we would obtain approval in advance and bill them to you at our cost.

We reserve the right to impose a late charge of 0.833% per month on all amounts not paid within 30 days. In the event any legal action or collection activity is necessary to enforce the terms of

this agreement, EEPCWD agrees to pay reasonable costs and attorney fees incurred by us in attempting to collect the amount due.

Information and Work Product

We take our obligations to safeguard your private information seriously, so we want to take this opportunity to confirm our commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal information. No voluntary disclosure of any of your data or information not already part of the public domain will be made without your permission unless we are legally required to make such disclosure. Please remember however, that communications between us are not privileged. We will promptly advise EEPCWD if any of your information is requested of us.

Upon full and final payment of all amounts due to Altum in connection with this engagement, all right title and interest in the deliverables (including, but not limited to, reports, notes, and other documents, including all documents on electronic media) that contain confidential information provided by, or pertaining to, EEPCWD (“Client Property”) will become the sole and exclusive property of EEPCWD.

Except for Client Property, Altum will retain sole and exclusive ownership of all right, title, and interest in all of Altum’s work papers, proprietary information, information and documents developed by Altum, information and documents based upon publicly available data, processes, methodologies, know-how, and software (the “Altum Property”), including such information as existed prior to the delivery of the services under this agreement and, to the extent such information is of general application, anything that Altum may discover, create, or develop during the performance of the services under this agreement.

To the extent Altum’s deliverables to EEPCWD contain Altum Property, upon full and final payment of all amounts due Altum in connection with this engagement, EEPCWD shall have a non-exclusive, non-assignable, royalty-free, perpetual license to use such Altum Property in connection with the deliverables and the subject of the engagement and for no other or further use without Altum’s express, prior written consent. Altum’s deliverables are to be used solely for the purposes intended by this engagement and may not be disclosed, published, or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

Other Matters

You should know that we provide similar services to others. Altum will always endeavor to treat everyone fairly and equitably. Altum will not (and cannot) provide legal, engineering, or lobbying services.

We cannot make any promises or guarantees about the outcome of the matters as to which you have asked us to assist you, and nothing in this letter or in our statements to you should be so construed. When we provide you our opinion as to the probable outcome of any matter, it is with the understanding that our opinion is just that, and not a promise or guarantee. We cannot make any warranty, either express or implied, as to any recommendations or professional advice.

We provide services on a wide variety of water-related matters to other clients, some of whom are or may in the future operate in the geographic business areas in which you are operating or may operate. By executing this agreement, you are acknowledging that we are free to work with those other clients on matters unrelated to you and that it is possible that we might take positions on behalf of other clients that are not consistent with yours. We will, of course, at all times avoid overt conflicts of interest.

Altum's liability to EEPCWD for any claim or action arising in connection with services provided to EEPCWD, whether in tort, contract, strict liability, or otherwise, is limited to \$50,000 or the amounts paid to Altum by EEPCWD, whichever is greater.

This agreement shall not be assigned by party without the prior written consent of the other, which may be withheld for any reason.

Approval

If the foregoing meets with your approval, please sign and date one copy of this agreement and return it to us. Please retain the other copy for your records. We will begin working with you immediately upon your execution of this agreement.

If you have any questions concerning our fee and expense arrangements or procedures or the scope of our services, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stacie Ann Silva

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Accepted terms and conditions for engagement of Altum Aqua Logic, LLC effective _____:

EEPCWD Representative

By: _____

Date: _____