

GRANT REQUEST FORM (GRF)

CEC-270 (Revised 02/13)

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

New Agreement EPC-14-068 (To be completed by CGL Office)

Division	Agreement Manager:	MS-	Phone
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Recipient's Legal Name	Federal ID Number
Maulbetsch Consulting	01-1321059

Title of Project
Evaluation of Cost, Performance and Water Conserving Capability of Hybrid Cooling

Term and Amount	Start Date	End Date	Amount
	5/13/2015	1/31/2018	\$ 581,580

Business Meeting Information
 ARFVTP agreements under \$75K delegated to Executive Director.

Proposed Business Meeting Date	5/13/2015	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion
Business Meeting Presenter	Lillian Mirviss	Time Needed:	5 minutes

Please select one list serve. Select

Agenda Item Subject and Description

MAULBETSCH CONSULTING. Proposed resolution approving agreement EPC-14-068 with Maulbetsch Consulting for a \$581,580 grant to fund an analysis of the design, performance and cost of optimized hybrid cooling systems at utility power plant scale to illustrate the potential benefits of hybrid cooling in California.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

1. Is Agreement considered a "Project" under CEQA?
 Yes (skip to question 2) No (complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378)):
 Explain why Agreement is not considered a "Project":
 Agreement will not cause direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because this is a paper/modeling study and there is no environmental involvement.
2. If Agreement is considered a "Project" under CEQA:
 a) Agreement **IS** exempt. (Attach draft NOE)
 Statutory Exemption. List PRC and/or CCR section number: _____
 Categorical Exemption. List CCR section number: _____
 Common Sense Exemption. 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3)
 Explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section:
- b) Agreement **IS NOT** exempt. (Consult with the legal office to determine next steps.)
 Check all that apply
 Initial Study Environmental Impact Report
 Negative Declaration Statement of Overriding Considerations
 Mitigated Negative Declaration

List all subcontractors (major and minor) and equipment vendors: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Legal Company Name:	Budget
DiFilippo Consulting	\$ 302,720

List all key partners: (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Legal Company Name:

Budget Information

Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List No.	Amount
EPIC	13-14	301.001A	\$581,580
R&D Program Area: EGRO: EA		TOTAL:	\$581,580
Explanation for "Other" selection			
Reimbursement Contract #:	Federal Agreement #:		

Recipient's Administrator/ Officer		Recipient's Project Manager	
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Selection Process Used	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive Solicitation	Solicitation #: PON-14-309
<input type="checkbox"/> First Come First Served Solicitation	

The following items should be attached to this GRF	
1. Exhibit A, Scope of Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
2. Exhibit B, Budget Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
3. CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached
4. Recipient Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Attached
5. CEQA Documentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Attached

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Agreement Manager **Date** **Office Manager** **Date** **Deputy Director** **Date**

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A. Task List

Task #	CPR ¹	Task Name
1		General Project Tasks
2		Update Spreadsheet Tool
3		Data Acquisition
4	X	Spreadsheet Tool Calibration and Validation
5		Case Studies
6		Statewide Benefits Analysis
7		Evaluation of Project Benefits
8		Technology/Knowledge Transfer Activities

B. Acronym/Term List

Acronym/Term	Meaning
CAM	Commission Agreement Manager
CAO	Commission Agreement Officer
CPR	Critical Project Review
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee

I. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT, PROBLEM/SOLUTION STATEMENT, AND GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Purpose of Agreement

Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to fund an analysis of the design, performance and cost of optimized hybrid cooling systems at utility power plant scale to illustrate the potential benefits of hybrid cooling in California.

B. Problem/ Solution Statement

Problem

The need for increasing amounts of electric power and clean water has sometimes come into conflict in California. Traditional wet-cooling systems have good efficiency and low cost but high water consumption (about ten to fifteen gallons per minute per megawatt); dry cooling virtually eliminates water consumption but at higher cost and reduced efficiency. Hybrid, wet/dry cooling systems enable significant water savings in comparison to wet cooling and improved plant efficiency and output in comparison to all-dry systems.

¹ Please see subtask 1.3 in Part II of the Scope of Work (General Project Tasks) for a description of Critical Project Review (CPR) Meetings.

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To expedite the introduction of hybrid systems, a methodology and computational tool to provide regulators, planners and potential users with reliable, validated comparative cost, performance and water use cost comparisons with optimized wet and dry cooling systems is a critical requirement. At present, no such tool exists in the public domain.

Solution

The Recipient will use an existing Excel spreadsheet-based computational tool with the capability of specifying, at an “engineering-level”, design parameters for optimized closed-cycle wet, direct dry and parallel wet/dry hybrid cooling systems. The tool’s output will be checked against information from participating plants equipped with wet, dry and hybrid cooling systems. The capability to make rigorous, reliable evaluations of hybrid cooling systems and the trade-offs between economic power production and water resource conservation will enable the selection of preferred cooling systems for the economic and environmental benefit of California.

C. Goals and Objectives of the Agreement

Agreement Goals

The goals of this Agreement are to:

- Develop a methodology for determining the cost, water conservation potential, and effect on power plant output, efficiency, and fuel consumption in comparison to conventional wet cooling and modern dry cooling systems;
- Develop detailed, rigorous comparisons for several sites and plant types for conditions representative of the range of conditions in California; and
- Provide a statewide analysis of the potential benefits of hybrid cooling to the citizens of California.

Ratepayer Benefits:² This Agreement will result in the ratepayer benefits of greater electricity reliability and lower costs by providing the ability to select optimized hybrid cooling systems with confidence, which will:

- Reduce the amount of water required to keep plants operating in comparison to traditional wet cooling;
- Reduce plant capital costs below the cost of dry cooled plants of comparable output; and
- Eliminate the significant efficiency penalties incurred by dry cooled plants during the hot periods of the year when power demand is the highest.

Technological Advancement and Breakthroughs:³ This Agreement will lead to technological advancement and breakthroughs to overcome barriers to the achievement of the State of California’s statutory energy goals by enabling the use of hybrid cooling. Hybrid cooling permits

² California Public Resources Code, Section 25711.5(a) requires projects funded by the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) to result in ratepayer benefits. The California Public Utilities Commission, which established the EPIC in 2011, defines ratepayer benefits as greater reliability, lower costs, and increased safety (See CPUC “Phase 2” Decision 12-05-037 at page 19, May 24, 2012, http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/WORD_PDF/FINAL_DECISION/167664.PDF).

³ California Public Resources Code, Section 25711.5(a) also requires EPIC-funded projects to lead to technological advancement and breakthroughs to overcome barriers that prevent the achievement of the state’s statutory and energy goals.

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higher power plant efficiency and output during peak energy demand periods than dry cooling power plants. This will result in lower fuel consumption for the same electricity production, which will decrease greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon dioxide, the major greenhouse gas associated with power production.

Agreement Objectives

The objective of this Agreement is to rigorously evaluate the benefits of hybrid cooling for the combined outcomes of reduced water use and economic electricity production in California.

II. TASK 1 GENERAL PROJECT TASKS

PRODUCTS

Subtask 1.1 Products

The goal of this subtask is to establish the requirements for submitting project products (e.g., reports, summaries, plans, and presentation materials). Unless otherwise specified by the Commission Agreement Manager (CAM), the Recipient must deliver products as required below by the dates listed in the **Project Schedule (Part IV)**. Products that require a draft version are indicated by marking “**(draft and final)**” after the product name in the “Products” section of the task/subtask. If “(draft and final)” does not appear after the product name, only a final version of the product is required. With respect to due dates within this Scope of Work, “**days**” means working days.

The Recipient shall:

For products that require a draft version

- Submit all draft products to the CAM for review and comment in accordance with the Project Schedule (Part IV). The CAM will provide written comments to the Recipient on the draft product within 15 days of receipt, unless otherwise specified in the task/subtask for which the product is required.
- Submit the final product to the CAM once agreement has been reached on the draft. The CAM will provide written approval of the final product within 15 days of receipt, unless otherwise specified in the task/subtask for which the product is required.
- If the CAM determines that the final product does not sufficiently incorporate his/her comments, submit the revised product to the CAM within 10 days of notice by the CAM, unless the CAM specifies a longer time period.

For products that require a final version only

- Submit the product to the CAM for approval.
- If the CAM determines that the product requires revision, submit the revised product to the CAM within 10 days of notice by the CAM, unless the CAM specifies a longer time period.

For all products

- Submit all data and documents required as products in accordance with the following Instructions for Submitting Electronic Files and Developing Software:
 - **Electronic File Format**

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Submit all data and documents required as products under this Agreement in an electronic file format that is fully editable and compatible with the Energy Commission's software and Microsoft (MS)-operating computing platforms, or with any other format approved by the CAM. Deliver an electronic copy of the full text of any Agreement data and documents in a format specified by the CAM, such as memory stick or CD-ROM.

The following describes the accepted formats for electronic data and documents provided to the Energy Commission as products under this Agreement, and establishes the software versions that will be required to review and approve all software products:

- Data sets will be in MS Access or MS Excel file format (version 2007 or later), or any other format approved by the CAM.
 - Text documents will be in MS Word file format, version 2007 or later.
 - Documents intended for public distribution will be in PDF file format. The Recipient must also provide the native Microsoft file format.
 - Project management documents will be in Microsoft Project file format, version 2007 or later.
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- ***Software Application Development***
Use the following standard Application Architecture components in compatible versions for any software application development required by this Agreement (e.g., databases, models, modeling tools), unless the CAM approves other software applications such as open source programs:
 - Microsoft ASP.NET framework (version 3.5 and up). Recommend 4.0.
 - Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS), (version 6 and up) Recommend 7.5.
 - Visual Studio.NET (version 2008 and up). Recommend 2010.
 - C# Programming Language with Presentation (UI), Business Object and Data Layers.
 - SQL (Structured Query Language).
 - Microsoft SQL Server 2008, Stored Procedures. Recommend 2008 R2.
 - Microsoft SQL Reporting Services. Recommend 2008 R2.
 - XML (external interfaces).

Any exceptions to the Electronic File Format requirements above must be approved in writing by the CAM. The CAM will consult with the Energy Commission's Information Technology Services Branch to determine whether the exceptions are allowable.

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MEETINGS

Subtask 1.2 Kick-off Meeting

The goal of this subtask is to establish the lines of communication and procedures for implementing this Agreement.

The Recipient shall:

- Attend a “Kick-off” meeting with the CAM, the Commission Agreement Officer (CAO), and any other Energy Commission staff relevant to the Agreement. The Recipient will bring its Project Manager and any other individuals designated by the CAM to this meeting. The administrative and technical aspects of the Agreement will be discussed at the meeting. Prior to the meeting, the CAM will provide an agenda to all potential meeting participants. The meeting may take place in person or by electronic conferencing (e.g., WebEx), with approval of the CAM.

The administrative portion of the meeting will include discussion of the following:

- Terms and conditions of the Agreement;
- Administrative products (subtask 1.1);
- CPR meetings (subtask 1.3);
- Match fund documentation (subtask 1.7);
- Permit documentation (subtask 1.8);
- Subcontracts (subtask 1.9); and
- Any other relevant topics.

The technical portion of the meeting will include discussion of the following:

- The CAM’s expectations for accomplishing tasks described in the Scope of Work;
 - An updated Project Schedule;
 - Technical products (subtask 1.1);
 - Progress reports and invoices (subtask 1.5);
 - Final Report (subtask 1.6);
 - Technical Advisory Committee meetings (subtasks 1.10 and 1.11); and
 - Any other relevant topics.
- Provide an *Updated Project Schedule*, *List of Match Funds*, and *List of Permits*, as needed to reflect any changes in the documents.

The CAM shall:

- Designate the date and location of the meeting.
- Send the Recipient a *Kick-off Meeting Agenda*.

Recipient Products:

- Updated Project Schedule *(if applicable)*
- Updated List of Match Funds *(if applicable)*
- Updated List of Permits *(if applicable)*

CAM Product:

- Kick-off Meeting Agenda

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Subtask 1.3 Critical Project Review (CPR) Meetings

The goal of this subtask is to determine if the project should continue to receive Energy Commission funding, and if so whether any modifications must be made to the tasks, products, schedule, or budget. CPR meetings provide the opportunity for frank discussions between the Energy Commission and the Recipient. As determined by the CAM, discussions may include project status, challenges, successes, advisory group findings and recommendations, final report preparation, and progress on technical transfer and production readiness activities (if applicable). Participants will include the CAM and the Recipient, and may include the CAO and any other individuals selected by the CAM to provide support to the Energy Commission.

CPR meetings generally take place at key, predetermined points in the Agreement, as determined by the CAM and as shown in the Task List on page 1 of this Exhibit. However, the CAM may schedule additional CPR meetings as necessary. The budget will be reallocated to cover the additional costs borne by the Recipient, but the overall Agreement amount will not increase. CPR meetings generally take place at the Energy Commission, but they may take place at another location, or may be conducted via electronic conferencing (e.g., WebEx) as determined by the CAM.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a *CPR Report* for each CPR meeting that: (1) discusses the progress of the Agreement toward achieving its goals and objectives; and (2) includes recommendations and conclusions regarding continued work on the project.
- Submit the CPR Report along with any other *Task Products* that correspond to the technical task for which the CPR meeting is required (i.e., if a CPR meeting is required for Task 2, submit the Task 2 products along with the CPR Report).
- Attend the CPR meeting.
- Present the CPR Report and any other required information at each CPR meeting.

The CAM shall:

- Determine the location, date, and time of each CPR meeting with the Recipient's input.
- Send the Recipient a *CPR Agenda* and a *List of Expected CPR Participants* in advance of the CPR meeting. If applicable, the agenda will include a discussion of match funding and permits.
- Conduct and make a record of each CPR meeting. Provide the Recipient with a *Schedule for Providing a Progress Determination* on continuation of the project.
- Determine whether to continue the project, and if so whether modifications are needed to the tasks, schedule, products, or budget for the remainder of the Agreement. If the CAM concludes that satisfactory progress is not being made, this conclusion will be referred to the Deputy Director of the Energy Research and Development Division.
- Provide the Recipient with a *Progress Determination* on continuation of the project, in accordance with the schedule. The Progress Determination may include a requirement that the Recipient revise one or more products.

Recipient Products:

- CPR Report(s)
- Task Products (draft and/or final as specified in the task)

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CAM Products:

- CPR Agenda
- List of Expected CPR Participants
- Schedule for Providing a Progress Determination
- Progress Determination

Subtask 1.4 Final Meeting

The goal of this subtask is to complete the closeout of this Agreement.

The Recipient shall:

- Meet with Energy Commission staff to present project findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The final meeting must be completed during the closeout of this Agreement. This meeting will be attended by the Recipient and CAM, at a minimum. The meeting may occur in person or by electronic conferencing (e.g., WebEx), with approval of the CAM.

The technical and administrative aspects of Agreement closeout will be discussed at the meeting, which may be divided into two separate meetings at the CAM's discretion.

- The technical portion of the meeting will involve the presentation of findings, conclusions, and recommended next steps (if any) for the Agreement. The CAM will determine the appropriate meeting participants.
- The administrative portion of the meeting will involve a discussion with the CAM and the CAO of the following Agreement closeout items:
 - Disposition of any state-owned equipment.
 - Need to file a Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement (Form UCC-1) regarding the Energy Commission's interest in patented technology.
 - The Energy Commission's request for specific "generated" data (not already provided in Agreement products).
 - Need to document the Recipient's disclosure of "subject inventions" developed under the Agreement.
 - "Surviving" Agreement provisions such as repayment provisions and confidential products.
 - Final invoicing and release of retention.
- Prepare a *Final Meeting Agreement Summary* that documents any agreement made between the Recipient and Commission staff during the meeting.
- Prepare a *Schedule for Completing Agreement Closeout Activities*.
- Provide *All Draft and Final Written Products* on a CD-ROM or USB memory stick, organized by the tasks in the Agreement.

Products:

- Final Meeting Agreement Summary (*if applicable*)
- Schedule for Completing Agreement Closeout Activities
- All Draft and Final Written Products

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REPORTS AND INVOICES

Subtask 1.5 Progress Reports and Invoices

The goals of this subtask are to: (1) periodically verify that satisfactory and continued progress is made towards achieving the project objectives of this Agreement; and (2) ensure that invoices contain all required information and are submitted in the appropriate format.

The Recipient shall:

- Submit a monthly *Progress Report* to the CAM. Each progress report must:
 - Summarize all Agreement activities conducted by the Recipient for the preceding month, including an assessment of the ability to complete the Agreement within the current budget and any anticipated cost overruns. See the Progress Report Format Attachment for the recommended specifications.
 - Provide a synopsis of the project progress, including accomplishments, problems, milestones, products, schedule, fiscal status, and any evidence of progress such as photographs.
- Submit a monthly or quarterly *Invoice* that follows the instructions in the “Payment of Funds” section of the terms and conditions. In addition, each invoice must document and verify:
 - Energy Commission funds received by California-based entities;
 - Energy Commission funds spent in California (*if applicable*); and
 - Match fund expenditures.

Products:

- Progress Reports
- Invoices

Subtask 1.6 Final Report

The goal of this subtask is to prepare a comprehensive Final Report that describes the original purpose, approach, results, and conclusions of the work performed under this Agreement. The CAM will review and approve the Final Report, which will be due at least **two months** before the Agreement end date. When creating the Final Report Outline and the Final Report, the Recipient must use a Style Manual provided by the CAM.

Subtask 1.6.1 Final Report Outline

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a *Final Report Outline* in accordance with the *Style Manual* provided by the CAM.
- Submit a draft of the outline to the CAM for review and comment.
- Once agreement has been reached on the draft, submit the final outline to the CAM. The CAM will provide written approval of the final outline within 10 days of receipt.

Recipient Products:

- Final Report Outline (draft and final)

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CAM Product:

- Style Manual

Subtask 1.6.2 Final Report

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a *Final Report* for this Agreement in accordance with the approved Final Report Outline and the Style Manual provided by the CAM.
- Submit a draft of the report to the CAM for review and comment. Once agreement on the draft report has been reached, the CAM will forward the electronic version for Energy Commission internal approval. Once the CAM receives approval, he/she will provide written approval to the Recipient.
- Submit one bound copy of the Final Report to the CAM.

Products:

- Final Report (draft and final)

MATCH FUNDS, PERMITS, AND SUBCONTRACTS

Subtask 1.7 Match Funds

The goal of this subtask is to ensure that the Recipient obtains any match funds planned for this Agreement and applies them to the Agreement during the Agreement term.

While the costs to obtain and document match funds are not reimbursable under this Agreement, the Recipient may spend match funds for this task. The Recipient may only spend match funds during the Agreement term, either concurrently or prior to the use of Energy Commission funds. Match funds must be identified in writing, and the Recipient must obtain any associated commitments before incurring any costs for which the Recipient will request reimbursement.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a *Match Funds Status Letter* that documents the match funds committed to this Agreement. If no match funds were part of the proposal that led to the Energy Commission awarding this Agreement and none have been identified at the time this Agreement starts, then state this in the letter.

If match funds were a part of the proposal that led to the Energy Commission awarding this Agreement, then provide in the letter:

- A list of the match funds that identifies:
 - The amount of cash match funds, their source(s) (including a contact name, address, and telephone number), and the task(s) to which the match funds will be applied.
 - The amount of each in-kind contribution, a description of the contribution type (e.g., property, services), the documented market or book value, the source (including a contact name, address, and telephone number), and the task(s) to which the match funds will be applied. If the in-kind contribution is equipment or other tangible or real property, the Recipient must identify its

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owner and provide a contact name, address, telephone number, and the address where the property is located.

- A copy of a letter of commitment from an authorized representative of each source of match funding that the funds or contributions have been secured.
- At the Kick-off meeting, discuss match funds and the impact on the project if they are significantly reduced or not obtained as committed. If applicable, match funds will be included as a line item in the progress reports and will be a topic at CPR meetings.
- Provide a *Supplemental Match Funds Notification Letter* to the CAM of receipt of additional match funds.
- Provide a *Match Funds Reduction Notification Letter* to the CAM if existing match funds are reduced during the course of the Agreement. Reduction of match funds may trigger a CPR meeting.

Products:

- Match Funds Status Letter
- Supplemental Match Funds Notification Letter (*if applicable*)
- Match Funds Reduction Notification Letter (*if applicable*)

Subtask 1.8 Permits

The goal of this subtask is to obtain all permits required for work completed under this Agreement in advance of the date they are needed to keep the Agreement schedule on track. Permit costs and the expenses associated with obtaining permits are not reimbursable under this Agreement, with the exception of costs incurred by University of California recipients. Permits must be identified and obtained before the Recipient may incur any costs related to the use of the permit(s) for which the Recipient will request reimbursement.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a *Permit Status Letter* that documents the permits required to conduct this Agreement. If no permits are required at the start of this Agreement, then state this in the letter. If permits will be required during the course of the Agreement, provide in the letter:
 - A list of the permits that identifies: (1) the type of permit; and (2) the name, address, and telephone number of the permitting jurisdictions or lead agencies.
 - The schedule the Recipient will follow in applying for and obtaining the permits.

The list of permits and the schedule for obtaining them will be discussed at the Kick-off meeting (subtask 1.2), and a timetable for submitting the updated list, schedule, and copies of the permits will be developed. The impact on the project if the permits are not obtained in a timely fashion or are denied will also be discussed. If applicable, permits will be included as a line item in progress reports and will be a topic at CPR meetings.

- If during the course of the Agreement additional permits become necessary, then provide the CAM with an *Updated List of Permits* (including the appropriate information on each permit) and an *Updated Schedule for Acquiring Permits*.
- Send the CAM a *Copy of Each Approved Permit*.
- If during the course of the Agreement permits are not obtained on time or are denied, notify the CAM within 5 days. Either of these events may trigger a CPR meeting.

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Products:

- Permit Status Letter
- Updated List of Permits (*if applicable*)
- Updated Schedule for Acquiring Permits (*if applicable*)
- Copy of each Approved Permit (*if applicable*)

Subtask 1.9 Subcontracts

The goals of this subtask are to: (1) procure subcontracts required to carry out the tasks under this Agreement; and (2) ensure that the subcontracts are consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The Recipient shall:

- Manage and coordinate subcontractor activities in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
- Incorporate this Agreement by reference into each subcontract.
- Include any required Energy Commission flow-down provisions in each subcontract, in addition to a statement that the terms of this Agreement will prevail if they conflict with the subcontract terms.
- If required by the CAM, submit a draft of each *Subcontract* required to conduct the work under this Agreement.
- Submit a final copy of the executed subcontract.
- Notify and receive written approval from the CAM prior to adding any new subcontractors (see the discussion of subcontractor additions in the terms and conditions).

Products:

- Subcontracts (*draft if required by the CAM*)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Subtask 1.10 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The goal of this subtask is to create an advisory committee for this Agreement. The TAC should be composed of diverse professionals. The composition will vary depending on interest, availability, and need. TAC members will serve at the CAM's discretion. The purpose of the TAC is to:

- Provide guidance in project direction. The guidance may include scope and methodologies, timing, and coordination with other projects. The guidance may be based on:
 - Technical area expertise;
 - Knowledge of market applications; or
 - Linkages between the agreement work and other past, present, or future projects (both public and private sectors) that TAC members are aware of in a particular area.
- Review products and provide recommendations for needed product adjustments, refinements, or enhancements.
- Evaluate the tangible benefits of the project to the state of California, and provide recommendations as needed to enhance the benefits.

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- Provide recommendations regarding information dissemination, market pathways, or commercialization strategies relevant to the project products.

The TAC may be composed of qualified professionals spanning the following types of disciplines:

- Researchers knowledgeable about the project subject matter;
- Members of trades that will apply the results of the project (e.g., designers, engineers, architects, contractors, and trade representatives);
- Public interest market transformation implementers;
- Product developers relevant to the project;
- U.S. Department of Energy research managers, or experts from other federal or state agencies relevant to the project;
- Public interest environmental groups;
- Utility representatives;
- Air district staff; and
- Members of relevant technical society committees.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare a *List of Potential TAC Members* that includes the names, companies, physical and electronic addresses, and phone numbers of potential members. The list will be discussed at the Kick-off meeting, and a schedule for recruiting members and holding the first TAC meeting will be developed.
- Recruit TAC members. Ensure that each individual understands member obligations and the TAC meeting schedule developed in subtask 1.11.
- Prepare a *List of TAC Members* once all TAC members have committed to serving on the TAC.
- Submit *Documentation of TAC Member Commitment* (such as Letters of Acceptance) from each TAC member.

Products:

- List of Potential TAC Members
- List of TAC Members
- Documentation of TAC Member Commitment

Subtask 1.11 TAC Meetings

The goal of this subtask is for the TAC to provide strategic guidance for the project by participating in regular meetings, which may be held via teleconference.

The Recipient shall:

- Discuss the TAC meeting schedule with the CAM at the Kick-off meeting. Determine the number and location of meetings (in-person and via teleconference) in consultation with the CAM.
- Prepare a *TAC Meeting Schedule* that will be presented to the TAC members during recruiting. Revise the schedule after the first TAC meeting to incorporate meeting comments.
- Prepare a *TAC Meeting Agenda* and *TAC Meeting Back-up Materials* for each TAC meeting.

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- Organize and lead TAC meetings in accordance with the TAC Meeting Schedule. Changes to the schedule must be pre-approved in writing by the CAM.
- Prepare *TAC Meeting Summaries* that include any recommended resolutions of major TAC issues.

Products:

- TAC Meeting Schedule (draft and final)
- TAC Meeting Agendas (draft and final)
- TAC Meeting Back-up Materials
- TAC Meeting Summaries

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III. TECHNICAL TASKS

TASK 2 Update Spreadsheet Tool

The goal of this task is to ensure that the data embedded in the tool is current and appropriate for this particular study.

The Recipient shall:

- Review and replace, if necessary, cooling system component cost information using vendor-supplied data to be obtained in Task 3.
- Review and replace, if necessary, cooling system component design characteristics and performance curves consistent with vendor-verified current practice.
- Review and replace, if necessary, site meteorological conditions appropriate for the range of conditions specific to California.
- Verify and modify, if necessary, iterative and comparison procedures to ensure consistent comparisons among appropriately optimized systems.
- Prepare **Tool Descriptive Material Report** providing:
 - A detailed description of the methodology and structure of the tool; and
 - A summary of the input data, such as cost information, that is updated.

Products:

- Tool Descriptive Material Report (draft and final)

TASK 3 Data Acquisition

The goal of this task is to obtain current design, performance and cost information for cooling system components for use in Task 2.

The Recipient shall:

- Obtain and assemble vendor-provided cost/performance information for components of wet, dry and hybrid cooling systems.
- Obtain up-to-date plant/turbine operating characteristic curves relating plant performance to cooling system performance.
- Obtain “typical” current values, and plausible future projections of, economic parameters such as inflation rate, interest and tax rates, fuel price, electricity price, etc. using Energy Commission-supplied data.
- Prepare **Wet and Dry Systems Annual Data Package Report** summarizing the information acquired for wet and dry systems.
- Prepare **Hybrid Systems Annual Data Package Report** summarizing the information acquired for hybrid systems.

Products:

- Wet and Dry Systems Annual Data Package Report
- Hybrid System Annual Data Package Report

TASK 4 Spreadsheet Tool Calibration and Validation

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The goal of this task is to calibrate the tool and validate the results produced by the software tool against operating data from existing full-scale plants for wet, dry and hybrid cooling systems.

The Recipient shall:

- Arrange for systematic collection of operating data from participating plants.
- Collaborate with an operating station equipped with hybrid cooling to review operating data.
- Demonstrate that the results produced by the tool accurately represent the performance of the unit.
- Make recommendations to the plant for improving the operation of Xcel's Comanche Station's Unit 3⁴ (minimizing water use and maximizing plant output) over a period of one year (recognizing that plant operating requirements may result in the plant's declining to implement some or all of the suggested recommendations).
- Compare computational output results for wet cooling with operating data from a selected wet-cooled plant.
- Compare output results for dry cooling with operating data from PG&E's Gateway and Colusa Stations (see Attachment 11). The tool will be evaluate one year of operating data for each plant and compare plant output using an optimized hybrid system.
- Adjust tool to ensure consistency with actual operating information (if necessary)
- Prepare a **Full-Scale Plant Results Report** comparing the computed results with full-scale plant information including:
 - A set of curves and tables comparing wet, dry and hybrid system results for a range of site conditions and plant characteristics in a consolidated format for easy look-up and interpolation.
- Participate in CPR per Task 1.3.

Products:

- Full-Scale Plant Results Report
- CPR Report

TASK 5 Case Studies

The goal of this task is to perform case studies comparing the performance of wet, dry and hybrid cooling systems at five sites.

The Recipient shall:

- Obtain site-specific meteorological data at hourly intervals for a full year of operation at each site.
- Perform design, performance and cost estimates for wet, dry and hybrid cooling systems that have been optimized for annual operation for minimum total evaluated cost.
- Prepare a **Case Study Report** documenting the comparative cost/performance/water use comparisons for the three cooling systems at each of the five sites. Case study will also take into account seasonal operating capacity and determine the sensitivity of operating capacity in affecting cost-benefit analyses for hybrid cooling versus wet-only and dry-only cooling.

⁴ Unit 3 is a 750 MW coal-fired plant equipped with a hybrid cooling system located in Pueblo, Colorado.

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Product:

- Case Study Report (draft and final)

TASK 6 Statewide Benefits Analysis

The goal of this task is to estimate the projected future effects on power production costs and water consumption in California for an assumed growth in power use and forecasted type, capacity and geographical distribution of power generating facilities.

The Recipient shall:

- Research and assemble an assumed projection of future power needs, power generating facilities and economic factors in California through 2050.
- Review proposed projection assumptions with Energy Commission personnel, industry representatives and environmental groups.
- Adjust/refine assumed projection as appropriate.
- Analyze future cost, performance and water use under assumptions of varying degree of installation of wet, dry and hybrid cooling systems.
- Prepare **Statewide Effects of Hybrid Cooling Report**.
- Make adjustments to the spreadsheet tool if necessary to adjust cost estimating (cost escalators) and to refine air-cooled condenser cell sizing.
- Prepare a **Spreadsheet Tool Report** discussing adjustments made.

Product:

- Statewide Effects of Hybrid Cooling Report (draft and final)
- Spreadsheet Tool Report

TASK 7 Evaluation of Project Benefits

The goal of this task is to report the benefits resulting from this project.

The Recipient shall:

- Complete three Project Benefits Questionnaires that correspond to three main intervals in the Agreement: (1) *Kick-off Meeting Benefits Questionnaire*; (2) *Mid-term Benefits Questionnaire*; and (3) *Final Meeting Benefits Questionnaire*.
- Provide all key assumptions used to estimate projected benefits, including targeted market sector (e.g., population and geographic location), projected market penetration, baseline and projected energy use and cost, operating conditions, and emission reduction calculations. Examples of information that may be requested in the questionnaires include:
 - For Product Development Projects and Project Demonstrations:
 - Published documents, including date, title, and periodical name.
 - Estimated or actual energy and cost savings, and estimated statewide energy savings once market potential has been realized. Identify all assumptions used in the estimates.
 - Greenhouse gas and criteria emissions reductions.

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- Other non-energy benefits such as reliability, public safety, lower operational cost, environmental improvement, indoor environmental quality, and societal benefits.
- Data on potential job creation, market potential, economic development, and increased state revenue as a result of the project.
- A discussion of project product downloads from websites, and publications in technical journals.
- A comparison of project expectations and performance. Discuss whether the goals and objectives of the Agreement have been met and what improvements are needed, if any.
- Additional Information for Product Development Projects:
 - Outcome of product development efforts, such copyrights and license agreements.
 - Units sold or projected to be sold in California and outside of California.
 - Total annual sales or projected annual sales (in dollars) of products developed under the Agreement.
 - Investment dollars/follow-on private funding as a result of Energy Commission funding.
 - Patent numbers and applications, along with dates and brief descriptions.
- Additional Information for Product Demonstrations:
 - Outcome of demonstrations and status of technology.
 - Number of similar installations.
 - Jobs created/retained as a result of the Agreement.
- For Information/Tools and Other Research Studies:
 - Outcome of project.
 - Published documents, including date, title, and periodical name.
 - A discussion of policy development. State if the project has been cited in government policy publications or technical journals, or has been used to inform regulatory bodies.
 - The number of website downloads.
 - An estimate of how the project information has affected energy use and cost, or have resulted in other non-energy benefits.
 - An estimate of energy and non-energy benefits.
 - Data on potential job creation, market potential, economic development, and increased state revenue as a result of project.
 - A discussion of project product downloads from websites, and publications in technical journals.
 - A comparison of project expectations and performance. Discuss whether the goals and objectives of the Agreement have been met and what improvements are needed, if any.
- Respond to CAM questions regarding responses to the questionnaires.

The Energy Commission may send the Recipient similar questionnaires after the Agreement term ends. Responses to these questionnaires will be voluntary.

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Products:

- Kick-off Meeting Benefits Questionnaire
- Mid-term Benefits Questionnaire
- Final Meeting Benefits Questionnaire

TASK 8 Technology/Knowledge Transfer Activities

The goal of this task is to develop a plan to make the knowledge gained, experimental results, and lessons learned available to the public and key decision makers.

The Recipient shall:

- Prepare an *Initial Fact Sheet* at start of the project that describes the project. Use the format provided by the CAM.
- Prepare a *Final Project Fact Sheet* at the project's conclusion that discusses results. Use the format provided by the CAM.
- Prepare a *Technology/Knowledge Transfer Plan* that includes:
 - An explanation of how the knowledge gained from the project will be made available to the public, including the targeted market sector and potential outreach to end users, utilities, regulatory agencies, and others.
 - A description of the intended use(s) for and users of the project results.
 - Published documents, including date, title, and periodical name.
 - Copies of documents, fact sheets, journal articles, press releases, and other documents prepared for public dissemination. These documents must include the Legal Notice required in the terms and conditions. Indicate where and when the documents were disseminated.
 - A discussion of policy development. State if project has been or will be cited in government policy publications, or used to inform regulatory bodies.
 - The number of website downloads or public requests for project results.
 - Additional areas as determined by the CAM.
- Conduct technology transfer activities in accordance with the Technology/Knowledge Transfer Plan. These activities will be reported in the Progress Reports.
- When directed by the CAM, develop *Presentation Materials* for an Energy Commission-sponsored conference/workshop on the results of the project.
- Prepare a *Technology/Knowledge Transfer Report* on technology transfer activities conducted during the project.

Products:

- Initial Fact Sheet (draft and final)
- Final Project Fact Sheet (draft and final)
- Presentation Materials (draft and final)
- Technology/Knowledge Transfer Plan (draft and final)
- Technology/Knowledge Transfer Report (draft and final)

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IV. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION - RE: MAULBETSCH CONSULTING

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement Request Form; and

RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission approves Agreement EPC-14-068 from PON-14-309 with **Maulbetsch Consulting** for a **\$581,580** grant to fund an analysis of the design, performance and cost of optimized hybrid cooling systems at utility power plant scale to illustrate the potential benefits of hybrid cooling in California; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his/her designee shall execute the same on behalf of the Energy Commission.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on May 13, 2015.

AYE: [List of Commissioners]

NAY: [List of Commissioners]

ABSENT: [List of Commissioners]

ABSTAIN: [List of Commissioners]

Harriet Kallemeyn,
Secretariat