PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

for the

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
LOS VAQUEROS DAM EXPANSION
PROJECT

between

SWINERTON BUILDERS, INC.

and

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BUILDING &
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL
AND ITS AFFILIATED LOCAL UNIONS

PREAMBLE

This Agreement is made and entered into the 21st day of October, 2019 by and between Swinerton Builders, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Coordinator”), together with other contractors and/or subcontractors who shall become signatory to this Agreement by signing the “Agreement To Be Bound” (Attachment A), (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor(s)”), and the Local Unions signatory hereto and the Contra Costa County Building & Construction Trades Council (“Council”) and its affiliated local unions who have executed this Agreement (referred to individually as “Union” and collectively as “Unions”). The parties further agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the CCWD Los Vaqueros Dam Expansion Project (hereinafter referred to as “Project”).

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Contractors will be engaged in construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, a skilled labor pool represented by Building Trades Unions will be required to complete the work involved; and
WHEREAS, the Building Trades Unions agree to cooperate in every way possible with employees of the Contractors; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually agree that safety, quality, productivity and labor harmony are primary goals; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide water supply and system reliability critical to the Contra Costa Water District; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize the need for safe, efficient and speedy construction in order to reduce unnecessary delays and to shorten construction schedules, thereby further reducing costs, resulting in timely completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to mutually establish and stabilize wages, hours and working conditions for the employees employed on the Project by the Contractors, and further to encourage close cooperation to achieve a satisfactory, continuous and harmonious relationship between the parties to this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

1.1 The purposes of this Agreement are to promote efficient construction operations on the Project, to insure an adequate supply of skilled craftspeople and to provide for peaceful, efficient and binding procedure for settling labor disputes. In so doing, the parties to this Agreement establish the foundation to promote the public interest, to provide a safe work place, to assure high quality construction, and to secure optimum productivity, on-schedule performance and Contra Costa Water District (Owner) satisfaction.

1.2 The parties agree that one of the primary purposes of this Agreement is to avoid the tensions that might arise on the project if union and non-union workers of different employers were to work side-by-side on the Project thereby leading to labor disputes that could delay completion of the Project.

13 It is the intent of the parties to set out uniform and fair working conditions for the efficient completion of the Project, maintain harmonious labor/management relations and eliminate strikes, lockouts and other delays.
It is in the interest of the parties to this Agreement to utilize resources available in the local area, including those provided by minority and women-owned enterprises.

ARTICLE 2

SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

2.1 This Agreement shall apply only to that new construction work awarded by the Owner and performed by the signatory Contractors during the term of this Agreement. The Scope of the Agreement includes all construction work, including surveying, on the Los Vaqueros Dam Expansion Project awarded by the Contra Costa Water District and any related change order(s). Any concrete or material batch plant established exclusively to support the Project shall be covered work. Any work at the Los Vaqueros Recreation Facilities Project or the Transfer Station is not included in this scope of work.

2.2 This Agreement shall apply only to construction/craft employees working on this Project represented by the Unions signatory hereto, and shall not apply to Contractors’ supervisors, technical or non-manual employees including, but not limited to, executives, engineers, office and clerical employees, drafters, supervisors, timekeepers, messengers, guards, or any other employees above the classification of general foreman or inspectors, material testers, and/or x-ray technicians, except to the extent that such inspectors, material testers, and/or x-ray technicians are customarily covered by the Local Collective Bargaining Agreement and as to which classification a prevailing wage determination has been published.

2.3 There shall be no limitation or restriction upon the choice of materials or upon the full use and installation of equipment, machinery, package units, factory pre-cast, prefabricated or preassembled materials, tools or other labor-saving devices. Fabrication provisions of the appropriate national or local agreements shall be applicable.

2.4 After installation by the Contractor(s) and upon mechanical completion, it is understood the Owner reserves the right to perform start-up, operation, repair, maintenance or revision of equipment or systems with persons of the Owner’s choice. If required, the service representative may make a final check to protect the terms of a manufacturer’s guarantee or warranty prior to start-up of a piece of equipment.
2.5 It is recognized by the parties to this Agreement that the signatory Coordinator and Contractor(s) are acting only on behalf of said Coordinator and Contractor(s), and said Coordinator and Contractor(s) have no authority, either expressed, implied, actual, apparent or ostensible, to speak for or bind the Owner.

2.6 It is expressly agreed and understood by the parties hereto that the Owner shall retain the right at all times to perform and/or subcontract all portions of the construction and related work on the Project site not contracted to the signatory Contractor(s).

2.7 The working conditions and hours of employment herein provided have been negotiated by the Unions exclusively with the representatives of the Contractor(s).

2.8 It is expressly agreed and understood by the parties hereto that the Owner shall have the right to purchase material and equipment from any source and the craftspersons will handle and install such material and equipment.

2.9 This Agreement shall not apply to any work performed on or near, or leading to or into the Project site by state, county, city or other governmental bodies, or their contractor(s); or by utilities or their contractor(s); and/or by the Owner, its employees, or its contractor(s) for work which is not part of the Project including, but not limited to, maintenance and operations.

ARTICLE 3

SUBCONTRACTS

3.1 Each Contractor(s) agrees that neither it nor any of its subcontractors will subcontract any work to be done on the Project except to a person, firm, or corporation who is or becomes party to this Agreement. Any Contractor(s) or subcontractor working on the Project shall, as a condition to working on the Project, become signatory to and perform all work under the terms of this Agreement. The furnishing of materials, supplies or equipment and the delivery thereof shall in no case be considered subcontracting.

3.2 A subcontractor is defined as any person, firm or corporation who agrees under contract with the Contractor(s), or a subcontractor of the Contractor, to perform on the Project, any part or portion of the construction work covered by the prime contract, including the operating of construction equipment, performance of labor and/or installation of materials.
3.3 The Contractor(s) has the primary obligation for performance of all conditions of this Agreement. This obligation cannot be relieved, evaded or diminished by subcontracting. Should the Contractor(s) elect to subcontract, the Contractor(s) shall continue to have such primary obligation.

3.4 A Contractor(s) who provides in the subcontract that the subcontractor will pay the wages and benefits and will observe the hours and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement, shall not be liable for any delinquency by such subcontractor in the payment of any wages or fringe benefits provided herein, including payments to Health & Welfare, Pension, Vacation/Holiday Dues Supplement and Training & Retraining Funds, except as provided in the Labor Code.

3.4.1 The contractor(s) will give written notice to the Union(s) of any subcontract involving the performance of work covered by this Agreement within either five (5) days of entering such subcontract or before the subcontractor commences work on the Project, whichever occurs first, and shall specify the name and address of the subcontractor. Written notice at a Pre-Job Conference shall be deemed written notice under this provision for those subcontractors listed at the Pre-Job only.

3.4.2 Thereafter, if such subcontractor should become delinquent in the payment of any wages or benefits as above specified, the Trust Fund shall immediately give written notice thereof to the Contractor(s) and to the subcontractor specifying the nature and amount of such delinquency.

3.4.3 In the event the Contractor(s) fails to give written notice of a subcontract as required herein, such Contractor(s) shall be liable for all delinquencies of the subcontractor on this Project only without limitation.

3.4.4 The provisions of this Section 3.4 shall be applied only to the extent permitted by law and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, no aspect of the subcontractors’ clause, including its enforcement, may be enforced by or subject to strike action.

3.4.5 Nothing in this Agreement is meant to interfere with the normal enforcement or collection rights of the fringe benefit Trust Funds.
ARTICLE 4

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARTIES

4.1 This Agreement shall only be binding on the signatory parties hereto, and shall not apply to parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, or other divisions of the Coordinator and signatory Contractor(s) unless signed by such parent, affiliate, subsidiary, or other division of such company.

4.2 Each Contractor(s) shall alone be liable and responsible for its own individual acts and conduct and for any breach or alleged breach of this Agreement. Any alleged breach of this Agreement by a Contractor(s) or any dispute between the signatory Union(s) and the Contractor(s) respecting compliance with the terms of this Agreement, shall not affect the rights, liabilities, obligations and duties between the signatory Union(s) and each other Contractor(s) party to this Agreement.

4.3 It is mutually agreed by the parties that any liability by a signatory Union(s) to this Agreement shall be several and not joint. Any alleged breach of this Agreement by a signatory Union(s) shall not affect the rights, liabilities, obligations and duties between the signatory Contractors and the other Unions party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

NO STRIKES - NO LOCKOUTS

5.1 During the life of this Agreement, the Union(s) and its members, agents, representatives and employees shall not incite, encourage, condone or participate in any strike, walkout, slowdown, sit-down, stay-in, boycott, sympathy strike, picketing or other work stoppage or hand-billing of any nature whatsoever, for any cause whatsoever, or any other type of interference of any kind, coercive or otherwise, and it is expressly agreed that any such action is a violation of this Agreement.

5.1.1 Withholding employees for failure of a Contractor(s) to tender trust fund contributions as required in accordance with Article 16 or for failure to meet its weekly payroll is not a violation of this Article 5; however, the Union shall give the affected Contractor and the Coordinator written notice seventy-two (72) hours prior to the withholding of employees.

5.2 Upon written facsimile or telegraphic notice of a violation to the Local and International Union(s) offices, the Union(s) and its officers shall take immediate
action and will use its (their) best efforts to prevent, end or avert any such
disavowed activity or the threat thereof by any of its officers, members,
representatives or employees, either individually or collectively, including but not
limited to, publicly disavowing any such action and ordering all such officers,
representatives, employees or members who participate in such unauthorized
activity to cease and desist from same immediately and to return to work and
comply with its orders. The Contractor(s) shall have the right, in the event of a
work stoppage by the Union(s) to replace the employees represented by the
Union(s) in violation of this Agreement in any way the Contractor(s) chooses,
until the Union(s) effects the return to work of such employees. Nothing in this
Agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the right of any of the parties to
this Agreement to pursue fully any and all remedies available under law in the
event of a violation of this Article 5.

5.3 In consideration of the foregoing, the Contractor(s) shall not incite, encourage or
participate in any lockout or cause to be locked out any employee covered under
the provisions of this Agreement. The term “lockout” does not refer to the
discharge, termination or layoff of employees by the Contractor(s) for any reasons
in the exercise of its rights as set forth in any provision of this Agreement, nor
does “lockout” include the Owner’s or Contractors’ decision to terminate or
suspend work on the site or any portion thereof for any reason.

5.4 Any employee or employees inciting, encouraging or participating in any strike,
slowdown, picketing, sympathy strike or other activity in violation of this
Agreement is subject to immediate discharge and the procedure of Article 11, if
invoked.

5.5 Any party to this Agreement may institute the following binding arbitration
procedure when such a breach is alleged. In the event a party institutes this
procedure, arbitration shall be mandatory.

5.5.1 The party invoking this procedure shall immediately notify Gerald McKay, who
the parties agree shall be the permanent Arbitrator under this procedure. In the
event that the permanent Arbitrator is unavailable at any time, the Arbitrator shall
appoint an alternate. Notice to the Arbitrator shall be by the most expeditious
means available, with notice by facsimile, telegraph or similar means to the party
alleged to be in violation and the involved Union General President.

5.5.2 Upon receipt of said notice the Arbitrator named above or the alternate shall
designate a place for, schedule and hold a hearing within twenty-four (24) hours.

5.5.3 The Arbitrator shall notify the parties by facsimile, telegram or similar means of
the place and time chosen for the session. A failure of any party or parties to
attend said hearing shall not delay the hearing of evidence or issuance of an award by the Arbitrator.

5.5.4 The sole issue at the hearing shall be whether or not a violation of this Article has in fact occurred, and the Arbitrator shall have no authority to consider any matter in justification, explanation or mitigation of such violation or to award damages, which issue is reserved for court or other arbitration proceedings, if any. The award shall be issued in writing within three (3) hours after the close of the hearing and may be issued without a written opinion. If any party desires a written opinion, one shall be issued within fifteen (15) days, but its issuance shall not delay compliance with, or enforcement of, the award. The Arbitrator shall order cessation of the violation of this Article and other appropriate relief, and such award shall be served on all parties by hand or registered mail upon issuance.

5.5.5 The award shall be final, binding and non-reviewable as to the merits. A judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction shall be entered upon the award, which may be enforced by any such court, upon the filing of this Agreement and all other relevant documents referred to hereinabove in the following manner. Facsimile, telegraphic or similar notice of the filing of such enforcement proceedings shall be given to the other party. In the proceeding to obtain a temporary order enforcing the Arbitrator’s award as issued under Section 5.5.4 of the Article, all parties waive the right to a hearing and agree that such proceedings may be ex parte. Such agreement does not waive any party’s right to participate in a hearing for a final order of enforcement. The Court’s order or orders enforcing the Arbitrator’s award shall be served on all parties by hand or by delivery to their last known address or by registered mail.

5.5.6 Any rights created by statute or law governing arbitration or injunction proceedings inconsistent with the above procedure, or which interfere with compliance therewith, are hereby waived by the parties to whom they accrued.

5.5.7 The costs of the arbitration, including the fee and expenses of the Arbitrator, shall be borne by the losing party.

5.5.8 The procedures contained in Section 5.4 shall be applicable only to alleged violations of this Article. Discharge or discipline of employees for violation of this Article shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures of Article 11.
ARTICLE 6

WORK ASSIGNMENTS AND JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES

6.1 All Contractors and subcontractors shall stipulate to and have the responsibility for making work assignments in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the Plan for Settlement of Jurisdictional Dispute in the Construction Industry approved by the Building & Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO, June 14, 1984, or any successor plan.

6.2 There will be no strikes, no work stoppages or slowdowns or other interferences with the work because of jurisdictional disputes.

6.3 Where a jurisdictional dispute exists and cannot be resolved by the Local Unions involved, it shall be referred for resolution to the International Unions. The resolution of the dispute shall be reduced to writing, signed by the authorized representative of the International Unions and the Contractor(s). The assignments made by the Contractor(s) shall be followed until such time as the dispute is resolved in accordance with this Section.

6.3.1 In the event that the respective International Unions of the disputing Locals and the Contractor(s) are unable to resolve the dispute within five (5) days from the date of referral, the dispute may be referred by any of the Interested Parties to the arbitration system of the Plan for the Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes referred to in Section 6.1 of this Article.

6.4 There shall be no work stoppage, work interruption, strike, sympathy strikes, picketing, hand-billing or public notices of any kind while any jurisdictional dispute is being resolved. Pending resolution of the dispute, the work shall continue uninterrupted as assigned by the Contractor(s). The Contractor(s) shall have the right, in the event of a work stoppage by the Union(s), to replace the employees represented by the Union(s) in violation of this Agreement in any way the Contractor(s) choose, until the Union(s) effects the return to work of such employees.

ARTICLE 7

COORDINATOR

7.1 Swinerton Builders, Inc., as the Coordinator, is responsible for the administration and application of this Agreement.
7.2 The Coordinator shall endeavor to facilitate harmonious relations between the Contractors and Unions signatory hereto and will conduct the monthly joint Labor/Management meeting referred to in Article 8 below. The Coordinator shall not be responsible for the acts of the Contractors or Unions signatory hereto, and will not be a party to any arbitration or litigation arising out of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

JOINT LABOR/MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

8.1 A joint Labor/Management meeting will be held on a monthly basis between the Coordinator, the Contractors and the signatory Unions. The purpose of these meetings is to promote harmonious labor-management relations, ensure adequate communications and advance the proficiency and efficiency of the Craftsperson and the Contractors on the Project. These monthly meetings will also include discussion of the scheduling and productivity on work performed on the Project.

8.2 A Pre-Job Conference will be held prior to the commencement of work to establish the scope of work in each Contractor’s contract. When a contract has been let to a Contractor(s) covered hereby, a Pre-Job Conference and/or Mark-Up Meeting shall be required upon request of any Union(s), Contractor(s) or the Coordinator.

8.3 The Contractor performing the work shall have the responsibility for making work assignments in accordance with Section 6.1 of this Agreement. The work assignments shall be made in writing. Any craft objecting to the Contractor’s proposed assignment of work shall have ten (10) working days from the date of the mark-up meeting to submit written objections to the Contractor before the Contractor makes the work assignments final.

8.4 The Coordinator will schedule and attend all Pre-Job and Mark-Up Meetings and participate in discussions as they pertain to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

9.1 The Contractor(s) retains full and exclusive authority for the management of their work forces for all work performed under this Agreement. This authority includes, but is not limited to the right to:
A. Plan, direct and control the operation of all the work.

B. Decide the number and types of employees required to perform the work safely and efficiently.

C. Hire, promote and layoff employees as deemed appropriate to meet work requirements and/or skills required.

D. Require all employees to observe the Contractors’ Project Rules, Security and Safety Regulations, consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.
These Project Rules and Regulations shall be reviewed and mutually agreed upon at the Pre-Job meeting and supplied to all employees and/or posted on the jobsite.

E. Discharge, suspend or discipline employees for just cause.

F. Assign and schedule work at its sole discretion and determine when overtime will be worked. There shall be no refusal by a craft to perform work assigned, including overtime work that is authorized by the craft’s local collective bargaining agreement, however, individual craftspeople shall not be required to work overtime unless specifically dispatched for overtime work. Any cases of a craft’s refusal to work overtime shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

G. No local rules, customs or practices, other than those specifically enumerated in this Agreement, are applicable.

H. Utilize any work methods, procedures or techniques and select and use any type or kind of materials, apparatus or equipment regardless of source, manufacturer or designator (in accordance with Article 21).
I. The foregoing listing of management rights shall not be deemed to exclude other functions not specifically set forth herein. The Contractors, therefore, retain all legal rights not specifically enumerated in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10

WORK RULES

10.1 The selection of craft foremen and general foremen shall be entirely the responsibility of the Contractor(s), it being understood that in the selection of such foremen, the Contractor(s) will give first consideration to the qualified individuals available in the local area. Foremen and general foremen shall take orders from the designated Contractor(s) representatives.

10.2 There shall be no limit on production by employees nor restrictions on the full use of tools or equipment. Craftspersons using tools shall perform any of the work of the trade and shall work under the supervision of the craft foremen.

10.3 The Contractor(s) may assign one (1) foreman and up to twelve (12) journeymen to any one crew or to any one service. Apprentices, and other non-journeymen classifications, may also be assigned to a crew and are not included in the journeyman count.

10.4 Security procedures for control of tools, equipment and materials are solely the responsibility of Contractor(s).

10.5 A badge system may be used to check in and out. Each employee must personally check in and out. The Contractor(s) will provide adequate facilities for check in and out in an expeditious manner. Time will be deducted from the employee’s pay for late starting and/or early quitting. Excessive instances of late starting and/or early quitting will be cause for termination.

10.6 Employees shall be at their place of work (as designated by the Contractor at the pre-job meeting) and ready to work at the starting time and shall remain at their place of work performing their assigned functions until quitting time. A reasonable time will be allowed for employees to put company and personal tools in secured storage and return to the parking lot by quitting time. The parties reaffirm their policy of a fair day’s work for a fair day’s wage.

10.7 Slowdowns, standby crews and featherbedding practices will not be tolerated.
10.8 It is understood by the Contractor(s) and agreed to by the Union(s), that the employees of the Contractor(s) will perform the work requested by the Contractor(s) without having any concern or interference with any other work performed by any employees of the Owner or others who are not covered by this Agreement including, but not limited to, maintenance and operations.

10.9 Contractors shall provide rest periods in accordance with Industrial Welfare Commission Order No. 16-2001. Any dispute regarding rest and meal periods this section shall be resolved exclusively under the provisions of Article 11 of this Agreement.

10.10 All foremen will remain with their crews and supervise such crews in the performance of their duties.

10.11 There shall be no interference with vendor or supplier deliveries of equipment, apparatus, machinery and construction materials to the jobsite since such deliveries shall not fall under this Agreement. Unloading of the above will be performed by signatory Contractors' employees.

10.12 The Contractor(s) will furnish facilities for storage of tools, adequate sanitary facilities and clean, heated, dry change rooms. However, Contractor(s) will incur no liability for loss, theft, or damage to personal tools left in tool storage not provided by the Contractor(s). The Contractor(s) has the right to take any reasonable action deemed necessary to control tool losses. Personal tools when brought onto the jobsite at time of employment may be inventoried as to type and number of tools and condition. Tool provision and losses will be handled according to the individual craft local agreements.

10.13 The Contractor(s) and the Unions recognize the necessity for promoting efficiency and agree that no rules, customs or practices shall be permitted that cause overmanning, limit production or increase the time required to do the work, and no limitation shall be placed upon the amount of work which an employee shall perform, nor shall there be any restrictions against the use of any kind of machinery, tools or labor-saving devices. However, the lawful manning provisions of the applicable craft's local collective bargaining agreement shall be recognized.

10.14 Welding tests will be administered by the Contractor(s). Such initial welding tests may be taken either “on-site” or “off-site” at the Contractor's option. Individuals who take the test “on-site” will be paid two (2) hours pay at the regular straight time hourly rate. If such test takes more than two (2) hours, actual time will be paid. Welding and welding test requirements applied by Owner to the

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Contractor(s) working on the Project shall be the same as those applied to Contractor(s) working on projects outside the scope of the Agreement.

10.15 Employees shall receive a one-half hour lunch period with pay and meals at the expense of the Contractor(s) if the employee is required to work beyond ten (10) consecutive hours (not including the regular one-half hour lunch period), and after working each additional four (4) hours. If meals are not provided, a meal allowance of $10.00 will be paid in lieu thereof.

ARTICLE 11

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

11.1 It is mutually agreed that any question arising out of and during the term of this Agreement involving its interpretation and application (other than jurisdictional disputes or certain safety disputes as defined below) shall be considered a grievance.

11.2 A grievance shall be considered null and void if not brought to the attention of the Contractor(s) within ten (10) working days after the incident which initiated the alleged grievance occurred.

11.3 Grievances shall be settled according to the following procedure:

Step 1

The Steward and the grievant shall attempt to resolve the grievance with the craft supervisor.

Step 2

In the event the matter remains unresolved in Step 1 above, within five (5) working days, the alleged grievance in writing may then be referred to the Business Manager of the Craft involved and the Labor Relations representative of the Contractor for discussion and resolution.

Step 3

In the event the matter remains unresolved in Step 2 above within five (5) working days, the grievance in writing may then be referred to the General President (GP) or the General
President's designated representatives of the Craft involved and the Manager of Labor Relations of the Contractor or the Manager's designated representative, and the Coordinator for discussion and resolution.

Step 4

If the grievance is not settled in the preceding steps within five (5) working days, either party may request the dispute be submitted to arbitration or the time may be extended by mutual consent of both parties. The request for arbitration and/or the request for an extension of time must be in writing with a copy to the Coordinator. An Arbitrator selected from a permanent panel of Arbitrators consisting of Gerald McKay, William Riker, Thomas Angelo, and Robert Hirsch will hear grievances filed pursuant to this Article. Should the parties be unable to mutually agree on the selection of an Arbitrator from among those on the panel, selection for that given arbitration shall be made by alternately striking names from the list of names on the panel until the parties agree on an Arbitrator or until one name remains. The first party to strike a name from the list shall be the party bringing forth the grievance. In the event the last remaining Arbitrator is not available in a reasonable time to hear the grievance and the parties have not mutually agreed to extend the time for arbitration, the last stricken Arbitrator will be selected. A reasonable time is defined as fifteen (15) days where the grievance concerns employment discharge and thirty (30) days for all other grievances.

The Arbitrator's decision shall be submitted in writing and shall be final and binding on all parties signatory to this Agreement. The expense of arbitration, including the cost of the Arbitrator and the cost of necessary expense required to pay for facilities for the hearing of cases, shall be borne by the losing party. The Arbitrator's decision shall be confined to the question posed by the grievance and the Arbitrator shall not have authority to modify, amend, alter, add to or subtract from, any provision of this Agreement.

11.4 The Contractors, as well as the Unions, may bring forth grievances under this Article.
ARTICLE 12

UNION RECOGNITION AND REPRESENTATION

12.1 Employees hired by the Contractor(s) shall, as a condition of employment, become and remain members in good standing of the appropriate Union within eight (8) days following the date of employment.

12.2 The Contractor(s) recognizes the Unions signatory hereto as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representatives for its craft employees on the Project.

12.3 Authorized representatives of the Unions shall have access to the site during established working hours, provided they do not unduly interfere with the work of the employees, and further provided, that such representatives fully comply with the visitor safety and security rules established for the Project.

12.4 A Steward shall be a working journeyman appointed by the authorized union representative of the Local Union(s) who shall, in addition to work as a journeyman, be permitted to perform during working hours such Union(s) duties as cannot be performed at other times which consists of those duties assigned by the Business Manager or Business Agent. The Union(s) agrees that such duties shall be performed as expeditiously as possible and the Contractor(s) agrees to allow the Steward a reasonable amount of time for the performance of such duties. The Steward shall not leave the work area without notifying the appropriate supervisor.

12.5 The Steward will be paid at the journeyman wage for the job classification in which the Steward is employed.

12.6 The working Steward will be subject to discharge for just cause to the same extent as other employees provided, however, that the Union shall be notified twenty-four (24) hours prior to the discharge.

12.7 The Steward shall remain on the job until its completion, or until no more than three (3) employees are left on the job, provided the Steward is qualified to perform the work to be done; unless removed by the Business Manager.

ARTICLE 13

REFERRAL

13.1 Contractors performing construction work on the Project described in the Agreement shall, in filling craft job vacancies, utilize and be bound by the registration facilities and referral systems established or authorized by the Unions.
signatory hereto when such procedures are not in violation of Federal law. The Contractor(s) shall have the right to reject any applicant referred by the Union(s), in accordance with Article 19.

13.2 The Contractor(s) shall have the unqualified right to select and hire directly all supervisors above general foreman it considers necessary and desirable, without such persons being referred by the Union(s).

13.3 In the event referral facilities maintained by the Union(s) are unable to fill the requisition of a Contractor(s) for employees within a forty-eight (48) hour period after such requisition is made by the Contractor(s) (Saturday, Sunday and holidays excepted), the Contractor(s) shall be free to obtain employees from any source. These employees shall be recognized as temporary employees. These temporary employees shall be replaced by qualified journeymen when available.

13.4 The Unions shall exert their utmost efforts, including requesting assistance from other Local Unions, to recruit sufficient number of skilled Craftspersons to fulfill the labor requirements of the Contractors.

13.5 Recognizing the special needs of this Project and the acute shortage of skilled craftspersons, the Unions shall consider a Contractor's request to transfer key employees to work on this Project in a manner consistent with the Union’s referral procedures.

ARTICLE 14

NON-DISCRIMINATION

14.1 The Unions and Contractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, Vietnam veteran or Vietnam Era status, disability as identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act or any other basis recognized by law.

ARTICLE 15

APPRENTICES

15.1 Recognizing the need to maintain continuing support of programs designed to develop adequate numbers of competent workers in the construction industry, the Contractor(s) will employ apprentices in the respective crafts to perform such work as is within their capabilities and which is customarily performed by the craft in which they are indentured.
15.2 The apprentice ratios will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of the California Labor Code and Prevailing Wage Rate Determination.

15.3 There shall be no restrictions on the utilization of apprentices in performing the work of their craft provided they are properly supervised

ARTICLE 16

WAGE SCALES and FRINGE BENEFITS

16.1 All employees covered by this Agreement shall be classified and paid in accordance with the classification and wage scales contained in the appropriate local agreements which have been negotiated by the historically recognized bargaining agencies and in compliance with the applicable general prevailing wage determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code.

16.2 During the period of construction on this Project, the Contractors agree to recognize and put into effect such increases in wages and recognized fringe benefits as shall be negotiated between the various Unions and the historically recognized local bargaining unit on the effective date as set forth in the applicable agreement. The Unions shall notify the Contractors in writing of the specific increases in wages and recognized fringe benefits and the date on which they become effective.

16.3 The Contractors hereby adopt and agree to be bound by the written terms of the legally established local trust agreements specifying the detailed basis on which payments are to be made into, and benefits paid out of, such appropriately qualified employee fringe benefit funds established by such appropriate local agreements. The Contractors authorize the parties to such local trust agreements to appoint Trustees and successor Trustees to administer the trust funds, and hereby ratify and accept the Trustees so appointed as if made by the Contractors.

16.4 Wages due shall be paid to all employees weekly, not later than on Friday, and not more than three (3) days’ wages may be withheld and shall be paid before the end of the work shift. Payment shall be made by check with detachable stub.

16.5 When an employee is discharged, the employee shall be paid wages due immediately. An employee laid off or terminated shall be given a termination slip immediately upon termination of work. The termination slip shall be completed stating the reason for termination, and the employee’s copy shall have, in addition to the firm’s name, the firm’s address. If an employee voluntarily terminates, wages due shall be paid in accordance with California State Law.
16.6 Wage rates, fringe benefits or working conditions negotiated in local collective bargaining agreements which are construed to apply exclusively or predominantly to the construction work covered by this Agreement, and wage rates, benefits or working conditions which are excessive in relation to such items generally prevailing on industrial construction work in the area, will not be recognized or applied on work covered by this Agreement.

16.7 Nothing in the Agreement shall require the payment of Industrial Promotional/Advancement Fund Contributions by signatory Contractors.

16.8 The Contractors and the Unions agree that wage premiums, such as those based on height of work, type of work or materials, special skills, et cetera, impose unreasonable costs on construction, are considered contrary to the best interest of the industry, and shall not be paid.

ARTICLE 17

HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME and SHIFTS

17.1 Hours or Work: The work week will start on Monday and conclude on Sunday. Eight (8) hours per day shall constitute a standard work day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with one-half (0.5) hour designated for lunch midway through the shift. Forty (40) hours per week, Monday through Friday, shall constitute a regular week’s work. The foregoing provisions of this Article are applicable unless otherwise provided in the General prevailing Wage Determinations made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Nothing herein shall be construed as guaranteeing any employee eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week.

17.2 Overtime: Overtime will be in compliance with the applicable General prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code.

17.3 Shifts: The Contractor(s) shall have the right to establish shifts for any portion of the work in accordance with this Section.

17.3.1 If two (2) or three (3) shifts are worked, the first shift shall consist of eight (8) hours of continuous work exclusive of a one-half (0.5) hour non-paid lunch period, the second shift shall consist of seven and one-half (7.5) hours of continuous work exclusive of a one-half (0.5) hour non-paid lunch period and the third shift shall consist of seven (7) hours of continuous work exclusive of a one-half (0.5) non-paid lunch period for eight (8) hours pay.
17.3.2 Shift work may be performed at the option of the Contractor(s) but, when performed, it must continue for a period of not less than five (5) consecutive working days. Saturday and Sunday, if worked, can be used for establishing the five (5) day minimum shift work period. The straight time work week shall be considered to start with the day shift on Monday and end with the conclusion of the second or third shift on the fifth day. In the event the second or third shift of any regular work shall extend into a holiday the employees shall be paid at their regular shift rate.

17.3.3 To the extent permitted by the applicable provisions of the California Labor Code, the Contractor(s), with one week’s notice to the Union(s), may establish a four (4) day per week, ten (10) hour per day work shift. The regular work week shall be from Monday through Thursday. Pay for each of these four (4) days shall be ten (10) hours at the straight time hourly rate.

17.3.3.1 Friday may be worked as a voluntary make-up day in those cases where the work is shut down due to inclement weather or an emergency situation. If a Friday is worked, the pay shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) times the straight time hourly rate for the first ten (10) hours worked. All work in excess of ten (10) hours shall be paid two (2) times the straight time hourly rate. If a sixth or seventh day is worked, the pay shall be two (2) times the straight time hourly rate.

ARTICLE 18

HOLIDAYS

18.1 Holidays will be in compliance with the applicable General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code.

ARTICLE 19

REPORTING PAY

19.1 Any employee reporting for work and for whom no work is provided, except when given notification not to report to work, shall receive two (2) hours pay at the regular straight time hourly rate. Any employee who starts work shall receive four (4) hours pay at the regular straight time hourly rate. Any employee who works beyond four (4) hours shall be paid for actual hours worked.
19.1.1 Whenever minimum reporting pay is provided for employees, they will be required to remain at the project site available for work for such time as they receive pay, unless released sooner by the principal supervisor of the Contractor(s) or its designated representative.

19.1.2 The provisions of this Section are not applicable where the employee voluntarily quits or is out by reason of a strike, in which case the employee shall be paid for the actual time worked.

19.2 It will not be a violation of this Agreement when the Owner or Contractor(s) consider it necessary to shut down because of an emergency situation that could endanger life or property. In such cases, employees will be compensated only for the actual time worked. In the case of a situation described above whereby the Owner or Contractor(s) request employees to wait in a designated area available for work, the employees will be compensated for the waiting time.

ARTICLE 20

TRAVEL, SUBSISTENCE and ZONE PAY

20.1 Travel, subsistence and zone pay will be in compliance with the applicable General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code.

ARTICLE 21

HEALTH AND SAFETY

21.1 The employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall at all times, while in the employ of the Contractor(s), be bound by the safety rules and regulations as established by the Owner and Contractor(s) and in accordance with OSHA/Cal-OSHA. These rules and regulations will be published and posted at conspicuous places throughout the Project.

21.2 In accordance with the requirements of OSHA/Cal-OSHA, it shall be the exclusive responsibility of each Contractor(s) on the Project to assure safe working conditions for its employees and compliance by them with any safety rules contained herein or established by the contractor(s). Nothing in this Agreement will make the Unions(s) liable to any employee or to other persons in the event that injury or accident occurs.
21.3 A convenient supply of cold and potable drinking water shall be provided by the Contractor(s).

21.4 This Project shall be a drug free workplace. Workers shall not possess, use, be under the influence of, provide, dispense, receive, sell, offer to sell alcohol and/or controlled substances as defined by law while on the Owner’s property. Violation of this provision shall subject the worker to discipline up to and including termination.

ARTICLE 22

SECURITY OF MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT and TOOLS

22.1 Security procedures for the control of tools, equipment and materials shall be solely the responsibility of the Contractor(s).

22.2 All employees will comply with the security procedures established by the Contractor(s) and the Owner.

22.3 Theft and/or loss of the Owner’s tools and equipment is a major concern on the Project. The Owner’s Security Regulations will be strictly enforced.

22.4 Violations or failure to comply with the Owner’s Security Regulations while on the Project jobsite may result in termination and/or exclusion from the Project jobsite.

ARTICLE 23

CALL-INS

23.1 When employees are called in to work at times other than their regularly established shift, they shall be paid not less than four (4) hours at the applicable overtime rate for that day.

ARTICLE 24

HELMETS TO HARDHATS

24.1 The Contractors and the Unions recognize a desire to facilitate the entry into the building and construction trades of veterans who are interested in careers in the building and construction industry. The Contractors and Unions agree to utilize the services of the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veteran’s Employment (hereinafter “Center”) and the Center’s “Helmets to Hardhats”
program to serve as a resource for preliminary orientation, assessment of
construction aptitude, referral to apprenticeship programs or hiring halls,
counseling and mentoring, support network, employment opportunities and other
needs as identified by the parties.

24.2 The Unions and Contractors agree to coordinate with the Center to create and
maintain an integrated database of veterans interested in working on this Project
and of apprenticeship and employment opportunities for this Project. To the extent
permitted by law, the Unions will give credit to such veterans for bona fide,
provable past experience.

ARTICLE 25

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

25.1 This Agreement represents the complete understanding of the parties. The
provisions of this Agreement shall in every instance exclusively apply to and
control work performed on the site of the Project and take precedence over
provisions of local, area, regional or national labor agreements. Nothing contained
in the working rules, by-laws, constitution and other similar documents of the
Unions or other Collective Bargaining Agreements, shall in any way affect, modify
or add to this Agreement unless otherwise specifically indicated in this Agreement.
Practices not part of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be
recognized.

25.2 The Unions agree that this Agreement covers all matters affecting wages, hours
and other terms and conditions of employment, and that during the terms of this
Agreement, neither the Contractor(s), nor the Union(s) will be required to negotiate
on any further matters affecting these or any other subject not specifically set forth
in this Agreement except by mutual agreement of the Unions involved and the
Coordinator.

25.3 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, such that original signatures may
appear on separate pages and when bound together all necessary signatures shall
constitute an original. Facsimile signature pages transmitted to other parties to this
Agreement shall be deemed the equivalent of original signatures.

25.4 Any other agreement or modification of this Agreement must be reduced to writing
and signed by the Coordinator and the Unions involved.
ARTICLE 26

GENERAL SAVINGS CLAUSE

26.1 It is not the intention of either the Contractor(s) or the Union(s) parties to violate any laws governing the subject matter of this Agreement. If any Article or provision of this Agreement shall be declared invalid, inoperative, or unenforceable by any competent authority of the executive, legislative, judicial or administrative branch of the federal, state or local government, the parties shall suspend the operation of each such article or provision during the period of invalidity. Such suspension shall not affect the operation of any provision covered in this Agreement to which the law or regulation is not applicable. Further, the Contractor(s) and Union(s) agree that if and when any or all provisions of this Agreement are finally held or determined to be illegal or void by Court of competent jurisdiction, the parties will promptly enter into negotiations concerning the substance affected by such decision for the purpose of achieving conformity with the requirements of an applicable law and the intent of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE 27

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

27.1 This Agreement shall become effective on the day the Owner awards the first contract covered by the scope of this Agreement and shall continue in full force and effect until completion of the scope of the Project. The parties may mutually agree in writing to amend, extend or terminate this Agreement at any time.

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ATTACHMENT “A”
PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT
FOR
CCWD LOS VAQUEROS DAM EXPANSION PROJECT
BETWEEN
SWINERTON BUILDERS, INC.
and
SIGNATORY CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES UNIONS
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

The undersigned, as a Contractor or Subcontractor (CONTRACTOR) on the CCWD Los Vaqueros Dam Expansion Project, (hereinafter PROJECT), for and in consideration of the award to it of a contract to perform work on said PROJECT, and in further consideration of the mutual promises made in the “Project Labor Agreement” (hereinafter AGREEMENT), a copy of which was received and is acknowledged, hereby:

(1) Accepts and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the AGREEMENT for this Project, together with any and all amendments and supplements now existing or which are later made thereto:

(2) The CONTRACTOR agrees to be bound by the legally established local trust agreements as set forth in Article 16 of this AGREEMENT.

(3) The CONTRACTOR authorizes the parties to such local trust agreements to appoint trustees and successor trustees to administer the trust funds and hereby ratifies and accepts the trustees so appointed as if made by the CONTRACTOR;

(4) Certifies that it has no commitments or agreements which would preclude its full and complete compliance with the terms and conditions of said AGREEMENT.

(5) Agrees to secure from any CONTRACTOR(S) (as defined in said AGREEMENT) which is or becomes a Subcontractor (of any tier) to it, a duly executed Agreement to be Bound in form identical to this document.

Dated: ____________________________

(Name of Contractor)

(Authorized Officer & Title)

(Address)

(Phone #)  (Fax #)

(Name of Prime Contractor or Higher Level Subcontractor)
Signatures

Swinerton Builders, Inc.

[Signature]

Jeff Gee, Vice President

Contra Costa County Building & Construction Trades Council

[Signature]

Greg Feere, Chief Executive Officer

Signatory Unions:

Asbestos Workers Local #16

[Signature]

Hod Carriers Local #166

Boilermakers Local #549

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District Council of Iron Workers

Bricklayers Local #3

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Iron Workers Local #378

Carpenters 46 Northern California Counties Conference Board

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Laborers Local Union #324

Millwrights Local #162

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Sheet Metal Workers Local #104

Cement Masons Local #300

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Operating Engineers Local #3

Michael Gallegos

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Painters District Council #16

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