

Sponsorship Agreement for Fellow at National Council for Science and Environment Applied Solutions Science Corps

1. PARTIES TO AGREEMENT

- 1.1. Parties to this Sponsorship Agreement for Fellow at National Council for Science and Environment Applied Solutions Science Corps ("Agreement") are **Sonoma County Water Agency** ("Sonoma Water") and **The National Council for Science and Environment**, a Washington, DC-based non-profit organization ("NCSE").

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

Sonoma Water	NCSE
Project Manager: Dale Roberts 404 Aviation Boulevard Santa Rosa, CA 95403-9019 Phone: 707-547-1979 Email: Dale.Roberts@scwa.ca.gov	Contact: Michelle Wyman 740 15th Street NW, Suite 900 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 510-331-0441 Email: mwyman@ncseglobal.org
Remit invoices to:	Remit payments to:
Accounts Payable Same address as above or Email: ap_agreements@scwa.ca.gov	Same address as above

3. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 3.1. The effective date of this Agreement is the date the Agreement is last signed by the parties to the Agreement. This Agreement shall expire on June 30, 2020.

4. NCSE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. General: NCSE agrees to perform services in accordance with the requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- 4.2. Services:
- a. Position Description of NCSE Applied Solutions Fellow:
 - i. Working closely with and reporting to NCSE's Science Policy Director, Erica Goldman PhD, the NCSE Applied Solutions Fellow will serve as a member of the NCSE team and will focus on supporting the strategic development of NCSE's science policy portfolio. In particular, the Fellow will work to engage the NCSE Applied Solutions network of local governments, along with state and federal partners, to help design a pilot for the NCSE Science Corps, a new program that will empower undergraduates, graduate students, junior, and mid-career scientists in

fields that span the social and natural sciences to build competencies in science policy through immersive experiences in local, state government, and federal government. The NCSE Science Corps program will also enable decision-makers to benefit from enhanced staff capacity on environmental and technical issues, as well as ready access to research and other networks of science experts.

b. Responsibilities:

- i. Conduct landscape analysis of environmental issue areas of priority to local governments in Applied Solutions network.
- ii. Update contacts and renew relationships with local governments in Applied Solutions network.
- iii. Liaise with university program leads to assess entry points for engagement between academic institutions and decision-makers.
- iv. Support development of training program and associated materials for orienting incoming NCSE Science Corps fellows and providing ongoing professional development.
- v. Other tasks as needed.

c. Preferred Qualifications:

- i. Currently enrolled or a recent graduate of a relevant degree program (e.g. Political Science, Environmental Science, Environmental or Sustainability Studies, Science and Technology Studies, Environmental Management, or other fields of social and natural science) and have a strong interest in science policy.
- ii. Strong academic background and excellent oral and written communication skills.
- iii. Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to speak to a wide variety of stakeholders, develop relationships, and make a network stronger.
- iv. Excellent organization and project management skills.
- v. Interest in science policy, environment, nonprofit organizations.
- vi. Research skills, able to survey a landscape through conversations with stakeholders.
- vii. Self-directed, able to work independently.
- viii. Skilled in Google Apps, database management, and Microsoft Office Suite, with a high level of general computer competency.

d. Deliverables and Due Dates:

- i. General: NCSE shall submit one electronic copy in pdf format of each final deliverable to Sonoma Water.
- ii. Administration: Submit monthly progress report to Sonoma Water Project Manager. Provide program evaluation within 60 calendar days of end of the Fellow's program. Program evaluation shall include, but not be limited to feedback from fellows regarding how the program model

worked and what issues fellows experienced. Program evaluation will also include feedback provided by Sonoma Water Project Manager.

iii. Fellow Recruitment: Recruitment materials, applications, screening materials, and related documents due within 60 calendar days of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

- 4.3. Invoices: Upon execution of this Agreement, submit invoice to Sonoma Water that shows or includes Sonoma Water's Project-Activity Code X0018A002.
- 4.4. Refund Upon Cancellation: If NCSE determines that activities requiring funding will not occur, NCSE shall immediately notify Sonoma Water in writing. In such case, NCSE shall refund any funding provided under this Agreement by Sonoma Water within 30 calendar days of said determination.
- 4.5. Indemnification: NCSE agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including Sonoma County Water Agency, and to indemnify, hold harmless, and release Sonoma County Water Agency, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any actions, claims, damages, liabilities, disabilities, or expenses, that may be asserted by any person or entity, including NCSE, that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to NCSE's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under this Agreement. NCSE agrees to provide a complete defense for any claim or action brought against Sonoma County Water Agency based upon a claim relating to NCSE's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under this Agreement. NCSE's obligations under this Article 4.5 apply whether or not there is concurrent or contributory negligence on the part of Sonoma County Water Agency, but, to the extent required by law, excluding liability due to conduct of Sonoma County Water Agency. Sonoma County Water Agency, and to indemnify, hold harmless, and release Sonoma County Water Agency shall have the right to select its legal counsel at NCSE's expense, subject to NCSE's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable to or for NCSE or its agents under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts. This indemnity provision survives the Agreement.
- 4.6. Statutory Compliance/Living Wage Ordinance: NCSE agrees to comply, and to ensure compliance by its subconsultants or subcontractors, with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, statutes and policies, including but not limited to the County of Sonoma Living Wage Ordinance, applicable to the services provided under this Agreement as they exist now and as they are changed, amended or modified during the term of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, NCSE expressly acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is subject to the provisions of Article XXVI of Chapter 2 of the Sonoma County Code, requiring payment of a living wage to covered employees. Noncompliance during the term of the Agreement will be considered a material breach and may result in termination of the Agreement or pursuit of other legal or administrative remedies.

5. SONOMA WATER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. Payments: Upon execution of Agreement and receipt of an invoice thereof, Sonoma Water will provide funds directly to NCSE in the amount of \$65,760.00, which is the total amount of the Sonoma Water's obligation under this Agreement.
- 5.2. Logo/Identifying Materials: Sonoma Water will provide logo or other identifying material, as requested by NCSE.

6. INSURANCE

- 6.1. Not required per Risk Management Exemption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date last signed by the parties to the Agreement.

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Reviewed as to funds:

By: _____
Sonoma County Water Agency
Division Manager - Administrative
Services

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Adam Brand, Deputy County Counsel

Sonoma County Water Agency

**The National Council for Science and
Environment**, a Washington, DC-based non-
profit organization

By: _____
Grant Davis
General Manager
Authorized per Sonoma County Water
Agency's Board of Directors Action on
_____ [date]

By: _____
Michelle Wyman
Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: _____