

**Contract Between  
The Natomas Basin Conservancy  
And  
Michael J. Arnold & Associates, Inc.**

Michael J. Arnold and Associates, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Arnold and Associates”) will develop and implement a legislative strategy designed to achieve the public policy goals of the Natomas Basin Conservancy (hereinafter referred to as “TNBC”).

I. Arnold and Associates agrees to:

1. Research the structure and statutory authority of the TNBC.
2. Work with TNBC staff to identify public policy goals and funding opportunities in California.
3. Develop a public policy strategy for securing the authority for TNBC to directly acquire and hold property within the conservancy boundaries to be used as a “land bank” to facilitate the sale of smaller parcels as mitigation land for smaller developments.
4. Identify provisions of Proposition 68 (the Water/Parks Bond) on the June ballot under which TNBC may be eligible to receive funding.
5. Assist TNBC staff in the preparation of draft grant applications and funding requests pursuant to provisions of Proposition 68.
6. Represent the interests of TNBC in connection with guidelines being developed by state agencies to administer and set requirements for grants and loans under Proposition 68.
7. Assist TNBC staff in efforts to secure funding from Proposition 68.
8. Seek to add language to existing law or secure necessary Legislative Counsel Opinion to make it clear that TNBC is eligible for direct funding from any future Park/Water bond in the same fashion as other state conservancies.
9. Seek to include TNBC for direct funding from future bond issues.
10. Seek to influence legislative and administrative action taken by the Legislature and state agencies, as directed by TNBC.
11. Provide consultation to TNBC on the development and implementation of a legislative program to allow TNBC to fully participate in the public policy development process.

12. Act as an official representative of TNBC with the California State Legislature and various governmental agencies, commissions and persons involved in governmental affairs.
13. Perform duties customarily performed by legislative advocates and governmental affairs representatives on behalf of TNBC to the best of its ability, experience and expertise.
14. Provide TNBC with periodic status reports governing activities relating to the performance under the terms and conditions of this contract.
15. Assume full responsibility for preparation of reports required from lobbyists pursuant to the Fair Political Practices Act.

II. Natomas Basin Conservancy agrees to:

1. Compensate Arnold and Associates the monthly sum of \$4,000. Compensation to be paid in advance on the first day of each month beginning on August 1, 2018.
2. Reimburse Arnold and Associates for necessary expenses incurred during the implementation of this contract. Any expense greater than \$100 shall require prior approval.
3. Provide Arnold and Associates with technical assistance on issues of interest.

III. The term of this contract shall be August 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

IV. If any legal action is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs and necessary disbursements, in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

John Roberts, for the  
Natomas Basin Conservancy,  
a California non-profit Public  
Benefit Corporation

Michael J. Arnold,  
President  
Arnold and Associates, Inc.

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