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Re: Immokalee Water and Sewer District Legal Representation

Dear Ms. Catala:

Thank you for considering Manson Bolves Donaldson Varn, PA (MBDV) in the provision of general counsel services to the Immokalee Water and Sewer District (District). As requested, this letter will serve as a proposal of the terms under which MBDV will provide legal services to the District.

MBDV is a Florida-based law firm with public and private clients ranging from special districts to large, multi-billion dollar businesses. The firm focuses on water, environmental, administrative, and governmental law as well as business, eminent domain, contracting, and construction. We assist our clients by negotiating with state and local agencies, and navigating issues through the complex, and sometimes conflicting, governmental process. MBDV also provides representation for clients on transactions between governments and private interests, including the negotiation and drafting of interlocal agreements. Our understanding of government provides a unique perspective for our clients.

MBDV has long provided its clients with effective representation before all levels of Florida government including state, regional, county, city, and special districts. Over the years, MBDV has successfully served as general counsel and/or special counsel to numerous public state and regional agencies and local governments. One of the reasons we are successful is that the MBDV team has held positions in state and regional agencies, including two former General Counsels for the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), a General Counsel for the South Florida Water Management District, and the General Counsel and Director of Office Water Policy for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

The approach of MBDV is to always put the best resources to the issue. We work as a state and regional team to maximize our efficiency, analysis, and relationships. As this representation includes general legal services to the District, I would be the lead attorney but would have other attorneys assist depending on the issue.

I am a Board Certified in City, County and Local Government Law and also have an AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbe. As a former legislative committee attorney, I have

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22 years of experience working with special districts. Immediately upon graduating law school, I worked for the Florida House of Representatives Community Affairs Committee, where I worked on special districts and local government issues. Upon leaving the Florida House of Representatives, I represented clients before legislative and executive branches of government, agencies, Cabinet, and gubernatorial commissions on local government, including special districts, growth management, and environmental issues. I served as General Counsel for the SWFWMD from 2011 to 2015. In my role as General Counsel, I provided legal advice and counsel to the SWFWMD's Governing Board, the Executive Director, and staff regarding the interpretation and applicability of laws, regulations, and judicial decisions or rulings from federal, state, and administrative branches, courts, or agencies affecting the SWFWMD. In addition, I have served as general and special counsel for local governments and special districts providing guidance related to government, environmental, and land use issues. Finally, I have significant experience in government procurement issues and negotiating and drafting complex and technical interlocal agreements, contracts, and other transaction documents.

Craig Varn has over 23 years of experience representing the private sector and governments before legislative and executive branches of government, agencies, Cabinet and gubernatorial commissions on growth management, environmental and local government issues. Prior to re-joining MBDV, Craig served as General Counsel for the FDEP where he was responsible for managing its legal team and overseeing legal actions including rulemaking, enforcement, reviewing program innovations, and reviewing policy decisions for consistency with Florida Statutes. He also served as the chief policy adviser to Senate President Jeff Atwater on all environmental, growth management, agriculture, and utility issues. Craig was an active participant in the drafting of growth management and environmental legislation. Before becoming an attorney, Craig worked as an engineer designing stormwater management facilities, drainage systems, and support structures, utilizing computer analysis and design and assisted clients in environmental permitting for stormwater management facilities and marinas. As an attorney, Craig has successfully represented a broad range of clients and understands the complexities associated with marinas. His specialties include environmental resource permitting, sovereign submerged land, and regulatory compliance and enforcement issues.

Amy Wells Brennan has extensive experience on legal issues related to special districts. Most recently, Amy served as Deputy General Counsel for the SWFWMD. She provided legal representation to the SWFWMD on matters including sunshine law, public records, and ethics, regulation, water use and supply, human resources, and land management and acquisition.

Doug Manson has more than 25 years of experience representing private sector and governments in water, environmental, administrative, and governmental law. Doug has served as Special Counsel or General Counsel for the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority since 1996.

Brian Bolves and Steven Medendorp practice primarily in areas of real estate law, construction law, and general commercial litigation. They have represented a wide array of clients related to eminent domain proceedings and complex construction litigation. They also have experience in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating highly

technical and custom-tailored construction and design contracts as well as real estate contracts for a variety of different types of projects or transactions.

MBDV fees are based upon the ethical rules. The amount of the District's statement will be the fair value of the services provided taking into account the time spent, the type of service being asked to perform, any special level of expertise required, the size and scope of the matter, the results obtained, and other relevant considerations. MBDV proposes an hourly blended rate of \$250.00. The District will be provided the most effective support systems available, while at the same time allocating the costs of such systems in accordance with the usage of the services by individual clients. Therefore, in addition to fees for legal services, the District will also be charged separately for certain costs and expense disbursements, including travel expenses; messenger, courier, and other communication costs; document reproduction; and computer research facilities. Billing statements will be rendered on a monthly basis and are due and payable upon receipt. Every effort will be made to include disbursements in the statement for the month in which the disbursements are incurred. Some disbursements are not available until the following month in which case a supplemental statement will be rendered for these additional charges.

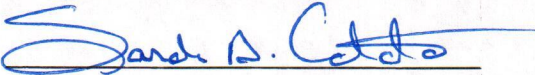
MBDV appreciates the opportunity to be of service to the District. Our goal is to provide legal services to the District on the most efficient basis possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Laura Jacobs Donaldson

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:



Dated: 18 FEB 20 21