

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Between Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

And

Brandon G. Hunt (Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential)

This EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 18th day of Dec, 2023, by and between the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, a special district, (“District or Employer”) and Brandon G. Hunt, (“Employee”) both of whom understand as follows:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Employer desires to employ the services of Brandon G. Hunt as Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District; and

WHEREAS, this position is identified in the codified Ordinance Code of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District as Title 1, Chapter 5; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the District Board, (“Board”) to provide certain benefits, to establish certain conditions of employment, and to set working conditions of said Employee; and

WHEREAS, Employee desires to continue employment as Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District;

WHEREAS, both Employer and Employee have read this Agreement and understand its contents fully;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these mutual covenants, the parties agree as follows:

Employment Agreement – Brandon G. Hunt (Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential)

TERMS

Section 1: Confidential Nature of Position

This position is authorized by Title 1, Chapter 5 of the Ordinance Code of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District. The position is confidential and Employee shall maintain all information as confidential as required by the Ordinance.

Section 2: Duties

A. Employer hereby agrees to employ Brandon G. Hunt as Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential to perform the functions and duties specified in the job description, attached as Exhibit "A" and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions as the Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential.

B. The Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential shall meet all job duties as described in the attached Exhibit "A". The Administrative/Financial Specialist – Confidential shall do and perform all services, acts, and functions necessary to conduct the general business and governmental affairs of Employer in accordance with the laws of the United States of America and the State of California governing special districts as directed by the Administrative Services Manager and as outlined in the Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential job description.

C. Employee agrees that during the term of this Agreement, Employee shall devote Employee's full energies, interests, abilities, and productive time to the performance of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in this Agreement and shall not conduct any business or render services of any kind for compensation, or undertake other business, professional or commercial activity.

D. Employee shall perform all duties with due diligence and with the best interest of Employer in mind.

Section 2: Term

A. Employment pursuant to the terms of this Agreement is “at will”. Specifically, Employee serves as Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential at the pleasure of the General Manager, and as an at-will employee, can be terminated at any time, either with or without cause.

B. The term of this Agreement shall commence on December 18, 2023 and end on June 30, 2026 unless terminated before the expiration of the term in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. In the event Employee continues employment with the District and the District has not completed contract negotiations with management employees by June 30, 2026, Employee’s employment with the District shall still be covered by this Agreement.

C. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of the General Manager to terminate the services of Employee at any time, subject only to the provisions set forth in Section 7 of this Agreement.

Section 3: Salary

A. Employer agrees to compensate Employee based on the appropriate salary step identified in the Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential Salary Schedule attached as Exhibit “B”.

B. Prior to or within one month of his anniversary date, the Administrative Services Manager shall review the performance of Employee and, with the authorization of the General Manger, may increase Employee's salary in accordance with the Step Schedule described in Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential Salary Schedule.

C. Further salary increases during the term of this Agreement shall be based on District Salary Surveys or, in part, on a performance review with the percentage salary increase determined by the General Manager (see Section 4, below).

D. Effective July 1, 2024, the Employee shall be entitled to General Wage COLA increase of 3.0%.

E. Effective July 1, 2025, the Employee shall be entitled to General Wage COLA increase of 3.0%.

Section 4: Performance Evaluation

The Administrative Services Manager shall review and evaluate the performance of the Employee at least once annually, beginning with his first anniversary date as Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential. Said review and evaluation shall be in accordance with specific criteria developed by Employer. The District and Employee may develop annual goals, objectives, and performance standards for Employee for the benefit of the District and in attainment of the District's policy objectives, and may further establish a priority among those goals, objectives, and performance standards. Additionally, the District may periodically establish goals and objectives regarding the Employee's performance of the duties of Administrative/Financial Specialist - Confidential.

Section 5: Benefits

A. Employee shall be entitled any benefits specified for the Unrepresented Bargaining Group in the attached Exhibit "C". However, a specific description of certain of those benefits follows and the specific description below controls the rights and obligations of Employee and Employer for that specific benefit.

i. Under the current defined benefit plan, pursuant to the Public Employees' Retirement Law (Government Code § 20000 et seq. ("PERL")), Employee is required to contribute 8% of the Employee's "compensation earnable and reportable" (PERSable compensation) towards the costs of said benefit plan.

Section 6: Professional Development

Employee shall receive make efforts to continue performance development. Employee shall obtain the General Manager's prior approval for any expenses for professional development. The General Manager's determination for such expenses are solely within his or her discretion.

Section 7: Termination of Agreement and Severance Pay

A. The Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party in writing.

B. Both sides agree that it is preferable to provide thirty (30) days advance notice of termination, but such advance notice is not required.

C. "At Will" Employment: The parties to this Agreement expressly acknowledge that Employee is "at will" and serves at the pleasure of the General Manager. Employee may be terminated at any time with or without cause at the sole discretion of the District. The District

recognizes the right of the Employee to terminate his employment at any time with or without reason.

D. Notwithstanding anything else contained in the Agreement, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall terminate automatically and immediately upon the death or permanent disability of Employee.

E. In the event Employer wishes to terminate Employee without reference to cause, then Employee may be entitled to severance pay in a lump sum equal to one month of Employee's current salary. The District shall only be obligated to pay this severance if the Employee agrees to execute a standard release agreement as prepared by the District that releases the District from any and all claims the Employee may have against the District. If the Employee refuses to sign this standard severance and release agreement, the Employee shall not be entitled to the severance pay. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, in accordance with Government Code § 53260, in the event this Agreement is terminated, the maximum cash settlement that Employee may receive shall be an amount equal to the monthly salary of Employee multiplied by the number of months left on the unexpired term of the Agreement. However, if the unexpired term of the contract is greater than 18 months, the maximum cash settlement shall be an amount equal to the monthly salary of the employee multiplied by 18.

F. In the event Employee is terminated, the Employee shall be paid out for accrued but unused vacation and compensatory time. Accrued sick leave benefits shall be paid in accordance with District personnel policy.

G. If Employee resigns at the request of the General Manager, Employee shall be deemed terminated without cause and may be entitled to severance as set forth under Section 7.E.

Section 8: Notices

Notices pursuant to this agreement shall be given by deposit in the custody of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

General Manager
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
101 Lucas Valley Road, Suite 300
San Rafael, CA 94903

Brandon G. Hunt
27 Panorama Drive, Apt. 27D
Vallejo, CA 94589

Alternatively, notices required pursuant to the agreement may be personally served in the same manner as is applicable to civil judicial practice. Notice shall be deemed given as of the date of personal service or as of the date of deposit of such written notice in the course of transmission in the United States Postal Service.

Section 9: General Provisions

A. The text herein shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing between the District and the Employee and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to such employment in any manner whatsoever. Any prior agreements merge into this Agreement and specifically prior employment agreements merge into this agreement.

B. Each party to the Agreement acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, orally or otherwise, have been made by any party, or anyone acting on

behalf of any party, which are not embodied herein, and no other agreement, statement, or promise not contained in the Agreement shall be valid or binding. Any modification of the Agreement will be effective only if it is in writing and signed by both the General Manager and the Employee.

C. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs of Employee.

D. If any provision, or any portion, contained in this Agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or portion, shall be deemed severable, shall not be affected, and shall remain in full force and effect.

E. This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Venue for any action shall be in the Superior Court for the County of Marin.


F. Employee understands that the Board may, from time to time, revise the District's policies. Employee understands that Employee is subject to those policies and procedures when they are not in conflict with the contents of this Agreement.

G. The Employee may reopen negotiations with regards to this Employment Agreement if the District has not come to agreement with the union on a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Operating Engineers Local 3 by June 30, 2026. Any increase in salary or benefits renegotiated will be retroactive to the first full pay period in July 2026.

H. Nothing in this agreement prevents the employee from discussing or disclosing information about unlawful acts in the workplace, such as harassment or discrimination or any other conduct that the employee has reason to believe is unlawful.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District has caused this Agreement to be signed and executed on its behalf by its General Manager, and duly attested by its District Secretary, and the Employee has signed and executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

Date: 12/19/2023


Curtis Paxon, General Manager
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

Date: 12-19-23


Brandon G. Hunt

ATTEST:


Teri Lerch
District Secretary ~~Pro~~

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David J. Byers, Attorney for Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District