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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Ms. Pam Kindig, Auditor-Controller  
Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority  
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Dear Pam:

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority for the year ending June 30, 2007. We ask that you either confirm or amend that understanding.

We will audit the basic financial statements of the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority (Authority) as of and for the year ending June 30, 2007. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) to accompany the Authority's basic financial statements. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Authority's RSI. These limited procedures will consist principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation, which management is responsible for affirming to us in its representation letter. Unless we encounter problems with the presentation of the RSI or with procedures relating to it, we will disclaim an opinion on it. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A).
- Budgetary comparison schedules.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the financial report. This section is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is additional information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**Audit Objectives**

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion as to whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the additional information referred to in the first paragraph when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the Authority and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion. If our opinion on the financial statements is other than unqualified, we will fully discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and compliance will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and specific legislative or regulatory bodies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. If during our audit we become aware that the Authority is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

### **Management Responsibilities**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the fair presentation in the financial statements of the respective financial position of the Authority and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Management is responsible for the basic financial statements and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein.

You are responsible for management decisions and functions. As part of the audit, we will prepare a draft of your financial statements, and related notes. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, you will be required to review and approve those financial statements prior to their issuance and have a responsibility to be in a position in fact and appearance to make an informed judgment on those financial statements. Further, you are required to designate a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing our services.

Management is responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. Management's responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (a) management, (b) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (c) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the Authority complies with applicable laws and regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud, illegal acts, violations of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we may report.

Management is responsible for establishment and maintenance of a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous audits or other engagements or studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits or other engagements or studies. You are also

responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, and the timing and format related thereto.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the financial report. This section is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is additional information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Audit Procedures—General**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the Authority or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Authority. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform you of any material errors and any fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform you of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to matters that might arise during any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorney(s) as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will also require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

### **Audit Procedures—Internal Controls**

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the Authority and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Audit Procedures—Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Authority's compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Responsibility for Non-audit Services**

We will prepare a general ledger trial balance for use during the audit. Our preparation of the trial balance will be limited to formatting information in the Authority's general ledger into a working trial balance. Also as part of the audit we will prepare a draft of your financial statements and related notes. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, you will be required to review and approve those financial statements prior to their issuance and have a responsibility to be in a position in fact and appearance to make an informed judgment on those financial statements. Further you are required to designate a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing our services.

As a result of our audit, we will provide you with adjusting journal entries, both those considered material and immaterial. The preparation of adjusting journal entries is considered a non-attest service. Consequently, *Government Auditing Standards*, require you to designate a qualified management-level individual to review these entries and to be responsible and accountable for any adjusting journal entries we may submit to you. Further, we will confirm with you your agreement with the adjusting journal entries that we have proposed and whether or not they will be posted to the Authority's accounts. We will also confirm with you your agreement that unrecorded adjusting journal entries, both individually and in the aggregate, are immaterial to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Audit Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will be available to answer inquiries during our audit and will locate any invoices selected by us for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Bartig, Basler & Ray, LLP (A Gallina LLP Company) and constitutes confidential information. However, pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to the State Controller's Office or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. General Accounting Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Bartig, Basler & Ray, LLP personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of seven years after the report release or for any additional period requested by the State Controller's Office. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

The parties agree that any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the services provided pursuant to this engagement letter agreement shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the applicable Arbitration Rules for Professional Accounting and Related Services Disputes of the American Arbitration Association; and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be rendered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

We expect to begin our work on September 17, 2007 and to issue a draft report with footnotes no later than October 15, 2007. Our fee for these services will not exceed the following amount unless the scope of the engagement is changed, the assistance which the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority has agreed to furnish is not provided, or unexpected conditions are encountered, in which case we will discuss the situation with you before proceeding.

June 30, 2007

\$9,500

*Government Auditing Standards* require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our 2006 peer review report accompanies this letter. No letter of comment was issued.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,  
Bartig, Basler & Ray, LLP  
(A Gallina LLP Company)



Brad W. Constantine, CPA, CFE, CVA  
Partner

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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To the Partners  
Gallina LLP

December 15, 2006

I have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Gallina LLP (the firm) in effect for the year ended June 30, 2006. A system of quality control encompasses the firm's organizational structure, the policies adopted and procedures established to provide it with reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards. The elements of quality control are described in the Statements on Quality Control Standards issued by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards in all material respects. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance with its system of quality control based on my review.

My review was conducted in accordance with standards established by the Peer Review Board of the AICPA. During my review, I read required representations from the firm, interviewed firm personnel and obtained an understanding of the nature of the firm's accounting and auditing practice, and the design of the firm's system of quality control sufficient to assess the risks implicit in its practice. Based on my assessments, I selected engagements and administrative files to test for conformity with professional standards and compliance with the firm's system of quality control. The engagements selected represented a reasonable cross-section of the firm's accounting and auditing practice with emphasis on higher-risk engagements. The engagements selected included among others, audits of Employee Benefit Plans and engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards. Prior to concluding the review, I reassessed the adequacy of the scope of the peer review procedures and met with firm management to discuss the results of my review. I believe that the procedures I performed provide a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In performing my review, I obtained an understanding of the system of quality control for the firm's accounting and auditing practice. In addition, I tested compliance with the firm's quality control policies and procedures to the extent I considered appropriate. These tests covered the application of the firm's policies and procedures on selected engagements. My review was based on selective tests and therefore it would not necessarily detect all weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of noncompliance with it. There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control and therefore noncompliance with the system may occur and not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In my opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Gallina LLP in effect for the year ended June 30, 2006, has been designed to meet the requirements of the quality control standards for an accounting and auditing practice established by the AICPA and was complied with during the year then ended to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of complying with professional standards.

*Carl M. Arntzen, CPA*

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