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This letter is provided under new MSRB Rule G-42 in connection with our current engagement as Municipal Advisor under the Agreement dated February 3, 2016 (the "Agreement") between Wulff, Hansen & Co. ("Municipal Advisor") and the Mid-Peninsula Water District (the "Client"). This letter will serve as written documentation required under MSRB Rule G-42 of certain specific terms, disclosures and other items of information relating to our municipal advisory relationship as of the date this letter is signed by Municipal Advisor. The Rule's effective date is June 23, 2016, which is also the date of this letter.

1. Scope of Services.

- (a) **Services to be provided.** The scope of services with respect to Municipal Advisor's engagement with Client is as provided in the Agreement and any Addenda thereto (the "Scope of Services").
- (b) *Limitations on Scope of Services*. The Scope of Services is subject to such limitations as may be provided in the Agreement and any Addenda thereto.

2. Municipal Advisor's Regulatory Duties When Servicing Client.

MSRB Rule G-42 requires that Municipal Advisor make a reasonable inquiry as to the facts that are relevant to Client's determination whether to proceed with a course of action or that form the basis for any advice provided by Municipal Advisor to Client. The rule also requires that Municipal Advisor undertake a reasonable investigation to determine that it is not basing any recommendation on materially inaccurate or incomplete information. Municipal Advisor is also required under the rule to use reasonable diligence to know the essential facts about Client and the authority of each person acting on Client's behalf.

Accordingly, Municipal Advisor will seek Client's assistance and cooperation, and the assistance and cooperation of Client's agents, with the carrying out by Municipal Advisor of these regulatory duties, including providing to Municipal Advisor accurate and complete information and reasonable access to relevant documents, other information and personnel needed to fulfill such duties. In addition, to the extent Client seeks to have Municipal Advisor provide advice with regard to any recommendation made by a third party, Municipal Advisor requests that Client provide to Municipal Advisor written direction to do so as well as any information it has received from such third party relating to its recommendation.

3. <u>Term</u>.

The term of Municipal Advisor's engagement as municipal advisor and the terms on which the engagement may be terminated are as provided in the Agreement and any Addenda thereto.

- **4.** <u>Compensation.</u> The form and basis of compensation for Municipal Advisor's services as municipal advisor are as provided in the Agreement and any Addenda thereto.
- **5.** Required Disclosures. MSRB Rule G-42 requires that Municipal Advisor provide you with the following disclosures of material conflicts of interest and of information regarding certain legal events and disciplinary history.

(a) Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest. MSRB Rule G-42 requires that municipal advisors provide to their clients disclosures relating to any actual or potential material conflicts of interest, including certain categories of potential conflicts of interest identified in Rule G-42, if applicable. If no such material conflicts of interest are known to exist based on the exercise of reasonable diligence by the municipal advisor, municipal advisors are required to provide a written statement to that effect.

Accordingly, any material conflicts of interest known to Municipal Advisor in connection with the Scope of Services under the Agreement have been previously disclosed in that Agreement, any Addenda thereto, and/or are disclosed below, including those conflicts applying to various forms of compensation which are described in a document attached to this letter. We believe that these conflicts are mitigated by our duties to Client as assigned to us under Federal and State laws and regulations and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. In addition, because Municipal Advisor is a broker-dealer with significant business and economic interests due to the nature of its overall business, the success and profitability of Municipal Advisor is not dependent on maximizing short-term revenue generated from individualized recommendations to its clients but instead is dependent on long-term profitability built on a foundation of integrity, quality of service and strict adherence to its fiduciary duty where such duty exists. Furthermore, Municipal Advisor's municipal advisory supervisory structure, leveraging our long-standing and comprehensive broker-dealer supervisory processes and practices, provides strong safeguards against individual representatives of Municipal Advisor potentially departing from their regulatory duties due to personal interests.

Other Municipal Advisor or Underwriting Relationships.

Municipal Advisor serves a wide variety of other clients that may from time to time have interests that could have a direct or indirect impact on the interests of Client. For example, Municipal Advisor serves as municipal advisor to other municipal advisory clients and, in such cases, owes a regulatory duty to such other clients just as it does to Client under this Agreement. These other clients may, from time to time and depending on the specific circumstances, have competing interests, such as accessing the new issue market with the most advantageous timing and with limited competition at the time of the offering. In acting in the interests of its various clients, Municipal Advisor could potentially face a conflict of interest arising from these competing client interests. In other cases, as a broker-dealer that engages in underwritings of new issuances of municipal securities by other municipal entities, the interests of Municipal Advisor to achieve a successful and profitable underwriting for its municipal entity underwriting clients could potentially constitute a conflict of interest if, as in the example above, the municipal entities that Municipal Advisor serves as underwriter or municipal advisor have competing interests in seeking to access the new issue market with the most advantageous timing and with limited competition at the time of the offering. None of these other engagements or relationships would impair Municipal Advisor's ability to fulfill its regulatory duties to Client.

Broker-Dealer and Investment Advisory Business.

Municipal Advisor is a broker-dealer and investment advisory firm that engages in a broad range of securities-related activities to service its clients, in addition to serving as a municipal advisor or underwriter. Such securities-related activities, which may include but are not limited to the buying and selling of new issue and outstanding securities and investment advice in connection with such securities, including securities of Client, may be undertaken on behalf of, or as counterparty to, Client, personnel of Client, and current or potential investors in the securities of Client. These other clients may, from time to time and depending on the specific circumstances, have interests in conflict with those of Client, such as when their buying or selling of Client's securities may have an adverse effect on the market for Client's securities, and the interests of such other clients could create the incentive for Municipal Advisor to make recommendations to Client that could result in more advantageous pricing for the other clients. Furthermore, Any potential conflict arising from Municipal Advisor effecting or otherwise assisting such other clients in connection with such transactions is mitigated by means of such activities being engaged in on customary terms through units of the Municipal Advisor that operate independently from Municipal Advisor's municipal advisory business, thereby reducing the likelihood that the interests of such other clients would have an impact on the services provided by Municipal Advisor to Client under this Agreement.

Secondary Market Transactions in Client's Securities.

Municipal Advisor, in connection with its sales and trading activities, may take a principal position in securities, including securities of Client, and therefore Municipal Advisor could have interests in conflict with those of Client with respect to the value of Client's securities while held in inventory and the levels of mark-up or mark-down that may be available in connection with purchases and sales thereof. In particular, Municipal Advisor or its affiliates may submit orders for and acquire Client's securities issued in an Issue under the Agreement from members of the underwriting syndicate, either for its own account or for the accounts of its customers. This activity may result in a conflict of interest with Client in that it could create the incentive for Municipal Advisor to make recommendations to Client that could result in more advantageous pricing of Client's bond in the marketplace. Any such conflict is mitigated by means of such activities being engaged in on customary terms through staff members of the Municipal Advisor that operate independently from Municipal Advisor's municipal advisory business, thereby reducing the likelihood that such investment activities would have an impact on the services provided by Municipal Advisor to Client under this Agreement.

(b) Disclosures of Information Regarding Legal Events and Disciplinary History. MSRB Rule G-42 requires that municipal advisors provide to their clients certain disclosures of legal or disciplinary events material to its client's evaluation of the municipal advisor or the integrity of the municipal advisor's management or advisory personnel. Accordingly, Municipal Advisor addresses below the required disclosures and related information in connection with such disclosures.

Municipal Advisor and members of its staff have been subject to legal or disciplinary events. Municipal Advisor reasonably believes that it has no such events that may be material to Client's evaluation of Municipal Advisor as such. However, during its 85 years as a broker/dealer, Municipal Advisor has accumulated a number of such events related to its broker/dealer business as such. Specific instances of such events are reported on Municipal Advisor's Form MA, on its staff members' Forms MA-I, and in FINRA's Brokercheck system. Direct links to all of this information are provided on our website at http://www.wulffhansen.com/publish/disclosureMA.html

The date of the last material change to a legal or disciplinary event disclosure on any Form MA or Form MA-I filed by Municipal Advisor with the SEC is July 9, 2015, which change consisted of removal of a previously reported disclosure concerning an investment-related consumer-initiated customer complaint against one of Municipal Advisor's staff which had been abandoned by the customer without resolution for more than 24 months prior to its removal.

(c) Future Supplemental Disclosures. As required by MSRB Rule G-42, this information may be supplemented or amended, from time to time as needed, to reflect changed circumstances resulting in new conflicts of interest or changes in the conflicts of interest described above, or to provide updated information with regard to any legal or disciplinary events of Municipal Advisor. Municipal Advisor will provide Client with any such supplement or amendment as it becomes available throughout the term of the Agreement.

Wulff, Hansen & Co.

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Date: June 17, 2016

ACKNOWLEDGED:

Mid-Peninsula Water District

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF COMPENSATION

The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board requires us, as your ADVISOR, to provide written disclosure to you about the actual or potential conflicts of interest presented by various forms of compensation. We must provide this disclosure unless you have required that a particular form of compensation be used. You should select a form of compensation that best meets your needs and the agreed upon scope of services.

<u>Forms of compensation</u>; <u>potential conflicts</u>. The forms of compensation for ADVISORs vary according to the nature of the engagement and requirements of the CITY, among other factors. Various forms of compensation present actual or potential conflicts of interest because they may create an incentive for an advisor to recommend one course of action over another if it is more beneficial to the advisor to do so. This document discusses various forms of compensation and the timing of payments to the advisor.

<u>Fixed fee.</u> Under a fixed fee form of compensation, the ADVISOR is paid a fixed amount established at the outset of the transaction. The amount is usually based upon an analysis by the CITY and the advisor of, among other things, the expected duration and complexity of the transaction and the agreed-upon scope of work that the advisor will perform. This form of compensation presents a potential conflict of interest because, if the transaction requires more work than originally contemplated, the advisor may suffer a loss. Thus, the advisor may recommend less time-consuming alternatives, or fail to do a thorough analysis of alternatives. There may be additional conflicts of interest if the ADVISOR's fee is contingent upon the successful completion of a financing, as described below.

<u>Hourly fee.</u> Under an hourly fee form of compensation, the ADVISOR is paid an amount equal to the number of hours worked by the advisor times an agreed-upon hourly billing rate. This form of compensation presents a potential conflict of interest if the CITY and the advisor do not agree on a reasonable maximum amount at the outset of the engagement, because the advisor does not have a financial incentive to recommend alternatives that would result in fewer hours worked. In some cases, an hourly fee may be applied against a retainer (e.g., a retainer payable monthly), in which case it is payable whether or not a financing closes. Alternatively, it may be contingent upon the successful completion of a financing, in which case there may be additional conflicts of interest, as described below.

Fee contingent upon the completion of a financing or other transaction. Under a contingent fee form of compensation, payment of an advisor's fee is dependent upon the successful completion of a financing or other transaction. Although this form of compensation may be customary for the CITY, it presents a conflict because the advisor may have an incentive to recommend unnecessary financings or financings that are disadvantageous to the CITY. For example, when facts or circumstances arise that could cause the financing or other transaction to be delayed or fail to close, an advisor may have an incentive to discourage a full consideration of such facts and circumstances, or to discourage consideration of alternatives that may result in the cancellation of the financing or other transaction.

Fee paid under a retainer agreement. Under a retainer agreement, fees are paid to an ADVISOR periodically (e.g., monthly) and are not contingent upon the completion of a financing or other transaction. Fees paid under a retainer agreement may be calculated on a fixed fee basis (e.g., a fixed fee per month regardless of the number of hours worked) or an hourly basis (e.g., a minimum monthly payment, with additional amounts payable if a certain number of hours worked is exceeded). A retainer agreement does not present the conflicts associated with a contingent fee arrangement (described above).

Fee based upon principal or notional amount and term of transaction. Under this form of compensation, the ADVISOR's fee is based upon a percentage of the principal amount of an issue of securities (e.g., bonds) or, in the case of a derivative, the present value of or notional amount and term of the derivative. This form of compensation presents a conflict of interest because the advisor may have an incentive to advise the CITY to increase the size of the securities issue or modify the derivative for the purpose of increasing the advisor's compensation.