



The Place to Be

October 14, 2025

Sean Brewer, City Manager
City of Coalinga
155 W. Durian Avenue
Coalinga, California 93210

Dear Sean:

This letter confirms the engagement of Price Paige & Company by the City of Coalinga, California (the City) for professional advisory services as described below:

We will assist the City in reconstructing its chart of accounts to improve its financial reporting. Specifically, we expect to assist the City with the following:

- 1) Development of a new chart of accounts structure, incorporating new segments such as funds, budget units, objects, etc.
- 2) Preparation of a cross-reference schedule to facilitate the transition from current accounts to the new account structure.
- 3) Prepare journal entries necessary to convert account balances and activity from the current accounts to the new account structure
- 4) Development of a Master Reference Guide and Policy Manual to assist City personnel in creating new funds, budget units, and objects in future years.
- 5) Serving as a resource throughout the conversion process and continuing support, provided funding under the budget remains available.

You agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

All workpapers or other documents used by us during this engagement will be maintained in segregated files, and such originals and all copies will be returned to you upon the completion of our engagement.

Electronic Data Communication and Storage and Use of Third-Party Service Provider

In the interest of facilitating our services to the City, we may communicate by facsimile transmission, send data over the Internet, store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the Internet, or allow access to data through third-party vendors' secured portals or clouds. Electronic data that is confidential to the City may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third-party service providers to store

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or transmit this data, such as providers of tax return preparation and document management software. In using these data communication and storage methods, our firm employs measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and data access secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards. We also require all of our third-party vendors to do the same.

You recognize and accept that we have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or data once it has been sent or has been subject to unauthorized access, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us or our third-party vendors, and consent to our use of these electronic devices and applications and submission of confidential client information to third-party service providers during this engagement.

Engagement Administration, Fees and Other

We will schedule the engagement based in part on deadlines, working conditions, and the availability of your key personnel. We will plan the engagement based on the assumption that your personnel will cooperate and provide assistance by performing tasks such as preparing requested schedules, retrieving supporting documents, and preparing confirmations. If, for whatever reason, your personnel are unavailable to provide the necessary assistance in a timely manner, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate.

It is our policy to keep records related to this engagement for a minimum of seven years after the report release date.

Suralink is used solely as a method of exchanging information and is not intended to store the City's information. Upon completion of the engagement, data and other content will be removed from Suralink in accordance with Price Paige & Company's policy.

Our fees for the advisory services described above will be billed at the hourly billing rates for the individuals involved, plus out-of-pocket expenses, with an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Our fees are based on expected hours required to perform the service at our standard hourly rates. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your advisory engagement. Our billing rates are reviewed annually and, where appropriate, adjusted for any increases due to inflation and other factors. We will issue a monthly billing statement for the work completed in that month. Payments for services are due when rendered and interim billings may be submitted as work progresses and expenses are incurred. Our fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered. If significant time is necessary, we will discuss it with you before we incur additional costs. The fees for these services will be billed at the hourly billing rate for the individual involved, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

If any dispute pertaining to our work product arises among the parties hereto, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Rules for Professional Accounting and Related Services Disputes before resorting to litigation. The costs of any mediation proceeding shall be shared equally by all parties.

All work will be suspended if your account becomes 90 days past due. No work will be resumed until your account is fully paid. You acknowledge and agree that in the event we stop work or withdraw from this engagement as a result of your failure to pay on a timely basis for services rendered as required by this engagement letter, we shall not be liable for any damages that occur as a result of our ceasing to render services. Client and accountant both agree that any dispute over fees charged by the accountant to the client will be submitted for resolution by arbitration in accordance with the Rules for Professional Accounting and Related Services Disputes of the American Arbitration Association. Such arbitration shall be binding and final. IN AGREEING TO ARBITRATION, WE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE OVER FEES CHARGED BY THE ACCOUNTANT, EACH OF US IS GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE DISPUTE DECIDED IN A COURT OF LAW BEFORE A JUDGE OR JURY AND INSTEAD WE ARE ACCEPTING THE USE OF ARBITRATION FOR RESOLUTION.

If information becomes known that would make our continued involvement in this engagement inappropriate, or parties involved change, we reserve the right to withdraw from this engagement. In addition, we will refuse to

perform any requested act that we deem a violation of law, public policy, or our professional ethical standards, and may, as a result, withdraw from the engagement without penalty.

In no event will our firm be liable for incidental or consequential damages resulting from our performance on this engagement, even if we have been advised of the possibility of such damages.

Non-Solicit Clause

We value every one of our clients as well as every one of our employees. We have spent a great deal of time and resources to locate, train, and retain our employees. We respectfully request that you do not solicit our employees to work for you. If you do hire one of our employees within 2 years of when they last worked for Price Paige & Company, we will be due a finder's fee equal to 50% of the annual salary they were earning as of their last day of employment. Payment will be due within 10 days of your receipt of our invoice.

If these terms are in accordance with your understanding and meet with your approval, please return a signed copy via email or regular mail at your earliest convenience. This agreement will become effective when you return the signed copy to us.

If the need for additional services arises, our agreement with you will need to be revised. It is customary for us to describe these revisions in an addendum to this letter.

Sincerely,



Joshua Giosa, CPA
Price Paige & Company

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the **City of Coalinga, California**.

Management Signature

Title

Date