



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

PREPARED BY: Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: Approval of the 2024-2025 Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta.

BACKGROUND:

On June 30, 2024, Goleta completed its fifth year of administering all libraries within Zone 4 of the Santa Barbara Countywide Library System (“Countywide Library System”). Zone 4 includes the City of Goleta, the unincorporated areas of the Eastern Goleta Valley, Community Service Area 3 (CSA-3), Isla Vista, Gaviota, Hope Ranch, the City of Solvang, the City of Buellton, and all the unincorporated areas of the Santa Ynez Valley. For visual reference, Exhibit A to Attachment 1 provides a map of Library Zone 4.

As one of the five designated administrators that provide library services in Santa Barbara County, the City of Goleta is required to enter into an agreement with the County for the operation of the Countywide Library System. The Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System (“Agreement”) is provided for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Attachment 1. The County Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement on December 17, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

The Agreement recommended for approval and execution provides for the continued funding of Library services for all Santa Barbara County residents and designates the cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Santa Maria, Goleta, and Carpinteria as administrators of County Library Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

As the Administrator for Zone 4, the City of Goleta is responsible for providing library services to the residents in that zone. For FY 2024-2025, the service population is

approximately 109,752, which includes the areas served by the libraries in the Santa Ynez Valley.

County per Capita funding and Measure L funds, in addition to the City’s General Fund, enable the Goleta Valley Library to meet its annual budgetary needs. According to the Agreement, in FY 2024-2025, the Goleta Valley Library can expect to receive approximately \$582,846 in County per Capita funding (\$9.15 per inhabitant, which includes a 3% CPI). The Goleta Valley Library also expects to receive approximately \$686,180 from Measure L tax funds collected within the City of Goleta and most parts of the unincorporated Community Service Area (CSA-3). These funds are a result of the passage of Measure L by the voters. The County has also separately accounted for the money received by Goleta for the Isla Vista area County per Capita, at \$234,515, and provided \$12,500 in Small Library Funds for Isla Vista, bringing their total to \$247,015.

The Santa Ynez Valley libraries, which the City manages on a full-cost-recovery basis, are funded and accounted for separately. The City of Goleta will receive the County per Capita funding for the Cities of Buellton and Solvang, which amounts to \$93,435 for Buellton and \$93,435 for Solvang. In addition, the County voted to help the two cities meet minimum standards of library service by awarding a total of \$167,928, which will be received by the City of Goleta and applied toward those cities’ library revenues. The remainder of the revenues for the Buellton and Solvang budgets consist of those cities’ General Fund support and their Friends of the Library¹ Groups’ donations. Los Olivos and Santa Ynez operate on a zero budget and are run solely by volunteers. Exhibit B to Attachment 1 provides the Maintenance and Repair Responsibilities for County facilities like the Solvang Library facility, which is owned by the County (unlike the Goleta and Buellton library facilities, which are owned by the respective cities).

The Assistant City Manager has sent a letter to the cities of Buellton and Solvang formally accepting their requests to extend the Library Management Services agreements with those cities for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. These agreements cover service provision, facility use, and maintenance, among other things. The initial one-year agreements with Buellton and Solvang provided for five optional one-year extensions upon agreement of both parties. Since the expiration of these agreements on June 30, 2024, services have been provided pending the finalization of this funding agreement with the County of Santa Barbara.

GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:

City-Wide Strategy: Support Community Vitality and Enhanced Recreational Opportunities

Strategic Goal: 2.5 Support the Goleta Library as a robust community resource.

City-Wide Strategy: Ensure Financial Stability

¹ These are the Friends of the Library of the Santa Ynez Valley and the Friends of the Buellton Library. The Goleta Valley Library also has an active Friends of the Goleta Valley Library group that provides annual funding support to that Library location.

Strategic Goal: 3.7 Leverage longstanding partnerships for well-funded and cost-effective library services.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Under the terms and conditions of this contract, the City of Goleta, as Administrator of Zone 4, will receive the following amounts:

Library Branch	FY 24-25 \$9.15 Base – Per Capita	FY 24-25 Cannabis/GFC Funding	FY 24-25 Small Library Fund	Total County Funding
Goleta	582,846	-	-	582,846
Isla Vista	234,515	-	12,500	247,015
Buellton	93,435	71,777	-	165,212
Solvang	93,435	96,151	-	189,586
Zone 4 Total	1,004,231	167,928	12,500	\$1,184,659

The City of Goleta will also receive approximately \$686,180 in Measure L funds collected within the unincorporated CSA-3 to be used solely for the Goleta Valley Library.

ALTERNATIVES:

As one of the designated administrators that provides services in Santa Barbara County, the City of Goleta is required to enter into an Agreement with the County for the operation of the Countywide Library System. If the City Council were to elect not to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement, this could delay or possibly discontinue receiving County per Capita funding for Goleta, Buellton, and Solvang Libraries and the Bookvan.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, Acting City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FY 2024-2025 Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System (including Exhibits A and B)

ATTACHMENT 1

FY 2024-2025 Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System

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**AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF A FREE COUNTYWIDE LIBRARY
SYSTEM**

THIS AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF A FREE COUNTYWIDE LIBRARY SYSTEM (“Agreement”) is hereby made by and among:

THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a political subdivision of the State of California hereinafter, referred to as “County,”

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Santa Barbara,” and

CITY OF LOMPOC, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Lompoc,” and
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Santa Maria,” and

CITY OF CARPINTERIA, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Carpinteria,” and

CITY OF GOLETA, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Goleta” (Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Goleta hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Managing Cities” and each individually as a “Managing City”).

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to operate a Countywide network of library services that provide for all inhabitants of the County of Santa Barbara open access to diverse resources and ideas that inspire learning, promote reading and enhance community life; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to contract for the furnishing to all inhabitants of the County, including residents within cities, an equitable level of Countywide library services; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto recognize that, because library users cross jurisdictional boundaries, a Countywide network of library services best serves the needs of all users; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto believe such services can be most efficiently provided through the use of existing facilities within and outside of the five Managing Cities without the creation of County-operated duplicate establishments; and

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WHEREAS, the parties hereto believe the fairest method of equalizing County funding for library services is for the County to contribute to the Managing Cities a given and equal amount of money for each person residing within their respective zones, with additional funds allocated annually for County branch libraries as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to memorialize herein their agreement that the sums hereinafter specified will be sufficient contribution by the County during the term of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, each Managing City, with the exception of Santa Barbara, is a member of the Black Gold cooperative library system, a service agency established by the authorization of the Public Library Development Act of 1963, since such membership is extended to the incorporated as well as the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to use reliable local public revenue to fund core library services; federal, state and philanthropic money, if available, shall be used to supplement, but not supplant, local revenues appropriated for public libraries; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain service levels, funding from the County, Managing Cities and other jurisdictions should include annual increases according to an accepted regional consumer price index; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to work together and with other jurisdictions to increase funding and service levels for the Countywide network of library services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Designated Representative

County's Community Services Department ("CSD") Director is the designated representative of County, and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of County. Each of the Managing Cities' respective Library Directors is the designated representative for such Managing City. Each party hereto shall notify each of the other parties hereto in the event of a change of such party's designated representative.

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2. Services to be Rendered

A map of Santa Barbara County Library Zones (“Zones,” and each a “Zone”) is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (“Zone Map”). Each Managing City shall assume and provide the services of a public library for the Zone assigned to such Managing City hereunder, including, but not limited to, within the incorporated cities within such Zone, as described in greater detail in Section 5, below. The Library Director for each Managing City shall plan and administer a consolidated library program in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the such Managing City’s Zone.

All materials purchased by a jurisdiction within the County of Santa Barbara shall be available to all residents within the County of Santa Barbara via a direct loan or interlibrary loan, without charge. Each Managing City is encouraged to build collections that reflect community needs and wants within its assigned Zone, and may set restrictions on interlibrary loans of certain materials such as new titles and high demand items (for a period up to six (6) months), reference materials, and rotating or rental collections.

3. Term

The term of this Agreement shall be for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, commencing on July 1, 2024, and terminating on June 30, 2025 (“Term”), unless earlier terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

4. Termination by County or Withdrawal by Cities

At any time during the Term of this Agreement, County may, upon six-months’ prior written notice to each of the Managing Cities, terminate this Agreement. At any time during the Term of this Agreement, each Managing City may, upon six-months’ prior written notice to County and each of the other Managing Cities, withdraw from and cease to be a party to this Agreement. If any Managing City withdraws from this Agreement, then such Managing City shall repay to the County funds previously distributed to that Managing City hereunder on a pro rata basis with respect to the number of days remaining in the Term after such withdrawal becomes effective.

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5. Library Zones

Each Managing City shall have the primary obligation to provide library services within the Zone assigned to such Managing City, as described in greater detail below.

a. Santa Barbara shall furnish library services to all persons inhabiting **Zone 1**, including the City of Santa Barbara, and the unincorporated areas of Montecito, Summerland, and Mission Canyon.

b. Lompoc shall furnish library services to all persons inhabiting **Zone 2**, including the City of Lompoc, and the unincorporated areas of the communities of Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village, and all of Vandenberg Space Force Base.

c. Santa Maria shall furnish library services to all persons inhabiting **Zone 3**, including the Cities of Guadalupe and Santa Maria, and the unincorporated areas of the communities of Cuyama, Los Alamos, and Orcutt.

d. Goleta shall furnish library services to all persons inhabiting **Zone 4**, including the Cities of Goleta, Solvang, and Buellton, and the unincorporated areas of the communities of the Eastern Goleta Valley, Community Service Area 3 (CSA 3), Isla Vista, Gaviota, Hope Ranch, Los Olivos, and Santa Ynez.

e. Carpinteria shall furnish library services to all persons inhabiting **Zone 5**, including the City of Carpinteria and the unincorporated area of Toro Canyon.

f. Subject to County's contribution as set forth in Section 6.a, below, no Managing City may change the level of service (*i.e.*, hours of operations or staffing) provided at County library branches (defined below) within such Managing City's Zone ("Service Level Change") without first complying with the provisions of this Section 5.f. the CSD Director or his or her designee ("CSD Director"). Any changes to the level of service must also be presented to the Library Advisory Committee for input. Each Managing City must provide written notice of each proposed or pending Service Level Change to the CSD Director and the Library Advisory Committee at least 90 days prior to implementation of such Service Level Change. Following receipt of such Service Level Change notice, the CSD Director will schedule a time for such Managing City to present such proposed Service Level Change to, and consult with, the Library Advisory Committee regarding same. The CSD Director or his or her designee will consult with such Managing City's Library Director within 30 days of the CSD Director's receipt of such Service Level Change notice. Such Managing City and its Library Director shall duly take into

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consideration input from the CSD Director and the Library Advisory Committee regarding such proposed Service Level Change. “County library branches” include: County/City branch libraries within the Cities of Buellton, Solvang, and Guadalupe, referred to in this agreement as a “partner city” or “partner cities,” as well as County branch libraries in the unincorporated areas of Montecito, Vandenberg Village, Orcutt, Los Alamos, and Cuyama.

6. Deposit and Allotment of Funds

Contribution for FY 2024/25:

- a. County agrees to contribute \$4,850,607 in Fiscal Year 2024/25 (“County Contribution”), which sum includes (i) \$4,059,151 for library services (a per capita level of support of approximately \$9.15), to be used for operations and acquisition of books and materials for inhabitants of the County of Santa Barbara, and (ii) \$630,056 allocated to mitigate hours and programming reductions of County library branches at risk of reducing service levels. For the purpose of allocating the County Contribution among the Managing Cities for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year, the parties hereto agree that the population count in each of the Zones, as determined in accordance with subpart 6.b, below, is as follows:

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Table 1:

Library Branch	FY 24-25 Population Estimates	FY 24-25 \$9.15 Base - Per Capita (incl. CPI)	FY 24-25 Cannabis/GFC Funding	FY 24-25 Sm all Library Fund	FY 24-25 Other County Funding	FY 24-25 Total County Funding by Zone
Santa Barbara/Eastside	89,679	820,563	-	-	-	820,563
Montecito	9,156	83,777	230,294	50,000	-	364,071
Zone 1	98,835	904,340	230,294	50,000	-	1,184,634
Lompoc	49,089	449,164	-	-	-	449,164
Vandenberg Village	10,485	95,938	40,033	15,000	-	150,971
Zone 2	59,574	545,102	40,033	15,000	-	600,135
Santa Maria	115,191	1,053,998	-	8,900	-	1,062,898
Cuyama	901	8,244	21,045	-	-	29,289
Guadalupe	8,676	79,385	30,249	-	-	109,634
Los Alamos	2,357	21,567	29,742	-	-	51,309
Orcutt	31,731	290,339	110,765	-	55,000	456,104
Zone 3	158,856	1,453,533	191,801	8,900	55,000	1,709,234
Goleta	63,699	582,846	-	-	-	582,846
Isla Vista	25,630	234,515	-	12,500	-	247,015
Buellton	10,212	93,435	71,777	-	-	165,212
Solvang	10,212	93,435	96,151	-	-	189,586
Zone 4	109,752	1,004,231	167,928	12,500	-	1,184,659
Carpinteria	16,606	151,945	-	-	-	151,945
Zone 5	16,606	151,945	-	-	-	151,945
General	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Total	443,623	4,059,151	630,056	86,400	75,000	4,850,607

b. Subject to County budgetary appropriations and availability of funds, the portion of the County Contribution to be allocated and paid to each Managing City shall be based on: population figures certified for January 1 of the immediately preceding fiscal year, and published in June of that year, as shown in the California State Library (Certification of Population Figures), but one year in arrears (e.g., FY 24/25 population based upon June 1, 2023 data). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the amount paid to a Managing City hereunder exceed the amount set forth in the “FY 24/25 Total County Funding by Zone” column for such Managing City in Table 1, above.

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- c. Although the parties hereto acknowledge that Goleta may, in addition to the funds provided hereunder, receive other funds during the Term from County Service Area Number Three (“CSA No. 3”), established in 1990 by Measure L to fund the Goleta Valley Library via parcel tax assessment (“Measure L Funds”), this Agreement does not create, and shall not be construed as creating or giving rise to any duty, responsibility, obligation, promise, or liability on the part of the County with respect to the provision of Measure L Funds to Goleta or CSA No. 3. Goleta covenants and agrees that and Measure L Funds received by Goleta shall only be used for extended library facilities and services in CSA No. 3,
- d. Except as otherwise provided herein, the payments to be made by County to each Managing City hereunder shall be made in two installments: the first after execution of this Agreement by such Managing City, no earlier than October 1, 2024, but no later than February 1, 2025, and the second payment no earlier than March 1, 2025, but no later than April 1, 2025; provided, however, that payment to a Managing City hereunder shall be conditioned on such Managing City’s compliance with the reporting requirements hereunder.
- e. In the event that any of the funds allocated to a library hereunder are not expended during the Term, such unspent funds shall be retained by the Managing City that is assigned hereunder to the Zone in which such library is located for use after the Term for library services at such library branch.
- f. No funds paid by County to any Managing City hereunder shall be used for purposes other than such Managing City’s administration, maintenance, and operation of consolidated library services within such Managing City’s Zone. Any funds provided hereunder which are used for other purposes shall be reimbursed to County by the Managing City to whom such funds were disbursed hereunder.
- g. In addition to the County Contribution, the County shall work in good faith to secure funding commitments from each city in which a branch library is operated through separate agreements with those cities. Partner cities are expected to contribute an amount at least equal to County funding for libraries within their

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jurisdiction as shown in Table 1, above. Payments from partner cities shall be made according to the schedule set forth in Section 6.d, above.

- h. If a branch library moves from one Zone to another, or a new Zone is created for a branch library, the County may reserve a portion of funding allocated to the Managing City for the new Zone to reimburse the Managing City that administered such re-zoned branch library in its prior Zone for residual expenses for a period of one year after such relocation or re-zoning.

7. County Buildings

Ownership of branch library buildings and the land on which such buildings are situated or are to be situated, if situated on County land or purchased with County funds, shall be vested in County, and this Agreement shall not confer any rights on any Managing City to any such County-owned branch library building or real property in any Zone. County may designate any such County building(s) for use by a particular Managing City or Managing Cities to serve a particular Zone or Zones, or any portion thereof. In so designating County buildings, County shall consider the recommendations of the Library Advisory Committee, as well as public comments and other relevant information.

Each Managing City to which a branch building is designated shall maintain, repair, and operate such branch library building to the extent funding is available and in accordance with Section 9, below. Upon a change or termination of such building designations, the Managing City shall vacate such building and return such building to County in the same condition as the Managing City received it, usual wear and tear excepted.

8. Furnishings, Equipment and Supplies

The parties hereto agree all furnishings and equipment, including, but not limited to, books, shelves, desks, tables, chairs, study carrels, telecommunication and computer equipment and systems, office machines, appliances, fixtures and HVAC systems, that are contained in and designated for use solely in a branch library for which the County is responsible for the property insurance. Such branch library locations include Cuyama, Montecito, Solvang and Vandenberg Village. In all other locations, the furnishings and equipment of each branch library shall be

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deemed to be the property of the Managing City responsible for administering the Zone where such branch library is located.

Each Managing City shall solely be responsible for the cost of purchasing all office and restroom supplies needed for the operation of the branch libraries located within such Managing City's respective Zone ("Essential Supplies"), and shall notify the CSD Director in writing in the event that such Managing City lacks sufficient funding for such Essential Supplies, in which case, such Managing City may use funds provided hereunder for the stated purpose of purchasing such otherwise unaffordable Essential Supplies.

9. Facility Maintenance and Repair

Each Managing City shall perform all necessary maintenance, repairs, and replacements with respect to the branch libraries at locations owned by the County (i.e., Cuyama, Montecito, Solvang and Vandenberg Village) within such Managing City's Zone, in accordance with the Maintenance and Repair Responsibilities schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference, with the exception of the City of Carpinteria, which is subject to a separate 99-year lease agreement with the County. All such maintenance and repair work shall be done in a competent and workmanlike manner. Each Managing City shall notify the CSD Director in writing of any necessary maintenance or repairs to a County-owned branch within such Managing City's Zone that exceed the funds available to such Managing City hereunder. For maintenance and repairs that are the responsibility of County hereunder, each Managing City shall send a written request for service of such facilities within such Managing City's Zone to County at the address set forth below:

County of Santa Barbara, General Services Department
Attn: General Services Facilities Manager, Scott Hosking
1105 Santa Barbara Street, 2nd Floor
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101
Email: shosking@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
Phone: 805.568.2533

Each Managing City is allowed to use the funds provided to such Managing City hereunder for the stated purpose of facility maintenance and repair of such Managing City's branch locations.

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10. Janitorial Services

Each Managing City shall be responsible for directly managing and paying costs for janitorial services at each branch location in its respective Zone, unless a supplemental agreement is made with a partner city. Each Managing City is allowed to use the funds provided to such Managing City hereunder for the stated purpose of janitorial services.

11. Utilities

Each Managing City shall be responsible for paying the utilities and connection costs associated with the branch locations in its respective Zone, unless a supplemental agreement is made with a partner city. The utility service costs shall include charges for electricity, water, natural gas, telephone, cable, internet, and sewer services. Each Managing City is allowed to use the funds provided to such Managing City hereunder for the stated purpose of paying utilities at its branch locations.

Since County is assuming responsibility for paying utilities (electricity, natural gas, refuse, and water) at the Solvang branch (located within Zone 4) and the Cuyama branch (located within Zone 3), County will withhold \$5,000 from its allocations to both Goleta (Zone 4) and Santa Maria (Zone 3), to cover the costs of such utilities. In June 2025, County will deduct the actual costs of such utilities from such withholdings, and then transfer any remaining balance to Goleta (Zone 4), and Santa Maria (Zone 3), as applicable. Any additional utility costs that are incurred with respect to any of the Montecito, Solvang, or Cuyama branch locations that are not directly charged to County will be paid by each Managing City responsible for administering such Zone (*i.e.*, Goleta for Solvang, Santa Maria for Cuyama, Santa Barbara for Montecito).

12. Administration Charges

Each Managing City may recover from the funds allocated to it hereunder an administrative charge, in an amount not to exceed 25% of such Managing City's annual operating budget, that is reasonable and sufficient to reimburse the Managing City for the costs and expenses necessary to provide library services pursuant to this Agreement. Such administration charges may include the following items:

- a. Administrative oversight including meetings with municipal leaders, Friends of the Library, and management from zone branch libraries; City Council meetings and

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- presentations; County Library Advisory representation and reporting; development and management of annual budgets; and, strategic planning.
- b. Human Resources Management, including time sheets; payroll; staff evaluations processing; promotions; new hire and termination processing; scheduling; training; and, internal communications.
 - c. Risk Management, including on the job injury and workers' compensation forms and reporting processing; and, building insurance reporting.
 - d. Accounting, including reconciliation of cash receipts; materials (books, magazines, audio books, DVDs) purchases, receipts, and verification; invoice payment; digital vendor service initiation, purchase, and monitoring; and gift funds accounting.
 - e. Information technology (IT), including the development, maintenance, and use of computer systems, software, networks, and equipment for the processing and distribution of voice and data communications.
 - f. Reporting, including creation of reports to Federal, State and/or local authorities; quarterly and annual report generation for Santa Barbara County.
 - g. Adult literacy, including tutor training; supervision of tutors and learners, workforce development.
 - h. User account management, including shipment, returns, holds, problem solving accounts, managing disputes, and damaged and lost item management.
 - i. Research and material access, including advanced research by librarians; interlibrary materials requests outside the cooperative system; gift materials processing; and, collection management.
 - j. Other, including ordering supplies and equipment; centralized liaison for services and communications with external parties; publicity and public relations support; technical troubleshooting; and, website and social media updates.
 - k. Allocated costs from Centralized City Departments, such as Information Technology, City Manager's Office, Legal Services, and Human Resources, in alignment with generally accepted cost accounting allocation principles.

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Each Managing City shall document the financial basis for such administration charges if the total combined branch administration charges exceed 10% of the total County payments to the Managing City hereunder.

13. Library Advisory Committee

County's Board of Supervisors has by appointment created a Library Advisory Committee. The term of office of each member of the Library Advisory Committee shall annually and automatically renew each year, unless replaced at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors or by request of the nominating jurisdiction.

Each Managing City shall nominate one member for appointment by the Board of Supervisors. In addition, the partner cities of Buellton, Guadalupe, and Solvang, in recognition of their significant contributions to free library service within the County, may each nominate one member for appointment by the Board of Supervisors, and the County Supervisor of each supervisorial district shall nominate one member. In recognition of County Service Area 3's significant contributions to free library service, County's Board of Supervisors shall appoint one member from the residents of County Service Area 3. The Supervisors shall further appoint one member of its Board, or a designee, to chair the Library Advisory Committee.

The Library Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly to review services and operations and to make advisory recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as follows:

- a. Ensure adequate library services to all the inhabitants of County;
- b. Review the operation of the library system and this Agreement;
- c. Submit advisory recommendations to ensure adequate service to branch libraries;
- d. Promote collaborative exchange of information among libraries;
 - Review annual library budgets and reports of service levels; and
 - Receive notices of reductions to the level of library services; and
 - Receive citizen input regarding library-related issues and make recommendations thereon.

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14. Indemnification

In lieu of and notwithstanding the pro rata risk allocation which might otherwise be imposed between the parties pursuant to California Government Code Section 895.6, the parties hereto agree that all losses or liabilities incurred by a party hereto shall not be shared pro rata, but instead all parties hereto agree that, pursuant to California Government Code Section 895.4, each of the parties hereto shall fully indemnify and hold each of the other parties hereto, and their officers, board members, employees and agents, harmless from any claim, expense or cost, damage or liability imposed for injury (as defined by California Government Code Section 810.8) occurring by reason of the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party, its officers, board members, employees or agents, under or in connection with or arising out of any work, authority or jurisdiction delegated to such party under this Agreement. No party, nor any officer, board member, employee or agent thereof, shall be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of any of the other parties hereto, or their officers, board members, employees or agents, under or in connection with or arising out of any work, authority or jurisdiction delegated to such other parties under this Agreement.

15. Insurance

Each Managing City to which a building is designated shall obtain and maintain in effect during the period of such designation general and automobile liability insurance covering the use of such building by that Managing City to which it is designated, and by its officers, agents, employees or volunteers acting on Managing City's behalf or at Managing City's direction, with single limit coverage of not less than \$1 million. Each Managing City shall also maintain Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the California Labor Code and employers' liability insurance. All insurance coverages are to be placed with insurers which (1) have a Best's rating of no less than A VII, and (2) are admitted insurance companies in the State of California. All other insurers require the prior approval of County. The general and automobile liability insurance policy shall name County, its officers, agents and employees as additional insured, and shall not be canceled without giving at least thirty-days' prior written notice to County. County shall be furnished with a certificate of insurance by Managing City to which a branch library building has been designated prior to performance by Managing City. A copy of the endorsement evidencing

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County has been added as a named additional insured on the policy must be attached to the certificate of insurance. The policy or policies shall include severability of interest or cross liability clause or equivalent wording. The policy or policies shall contain a provision of the following form: “Such insurance as is afforded by this policy shall be primary and contributory to the full limits stated in the declarations, and if County has other valid and collectible insurance for a loss covered by this policy, that other insurance shall be excess only”.

As an alternative to the liability insurance requirements contained above, a Managing City can provide evidence in writing to County showing that it has an approved self-insurance program and will then only be required to submit a certificate of insurance for the difference, if any, between its self-insurance limit and \$1 Million combined single limit coverage.

The property insurance for each building shall be borne by the party that owns the building. For branch locations housed within a County-owned building, County shall be responsible for property insurance for both the building and its contents. Such locations include Carpinteria, Cuyama, Montecito, Solvang and Vandenberg Village. For each branch library located within a leased building, Managing City that is the lessee of the building space shall be responsible for property insurance for both the building and its contents. For the purpose of this Agreement, “content” includes furnishings, equipment, and supplies as identified in Section 8, as well as audiovisual and electronic materials such as books, subscriptions, government documents, and microfilm used by library patrons. Each Managing City is allowed to use the funds herein made available for the stated purpose of property insurance for contents in its respective branch facilities.

16. Budget, Revenue/Expenditure and Services Plan

- a. On or before December 31, 2024, each Library Director shall confer with the County and a representative from each city in which a branch library operates in its zone to review expected funding and service levels for the next fiscal year. The CSD Director or his or her designee will initiate and lead this effort.
- b. Upon completion of review of expected funding and service levels under subsection 16.a, above, the County shall work in good faith to secure funding commitments from each branch library’s partner city (and friends organization if the operating budget relies on more than \$50,000 from friends organizations) and notify the

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Library Director of expected funding amounts from the County, partner city, friends organizations, and other sources for the upcoming fiscal year.

- c. Upon completion of the activities in both subsections 16.a and 16.b, above, but no later than March 1 of each year, each Library Director shall submit to the County a Revenue/Expenditure plan and proposed budget for each branch. Such plan shall include:
 - Operations budget for the previous, current, and upcoming fiscal year by branch library, as well as current reserves, if any, held by Managing City, broken out by branch library;
 - Report of service levels in relation to adopted minimum or agreed upon target service levels, with estimated costs to reach adopted minimum or agreed upon target service levels;
 - Anticipated changes to service levels;
 - Capital/infrastructure needs and estimated costs; and
 - A library services plan for any unincorporated community within its zone that has a population of more than 10,000 and does not have a branch library.

17. Reports of Receipts and Disbursements

Upon adoption of a library budget by each Managing City, the Managing City shall provide to the County's designated representative a written copy of such budget showing the amount to be spent in each branch including anticipated disbursements from reserves and gifts. Amendments to branch budgets must be reviewed by the Library Advisory Committee prior to review by the Board of Supervisors. Such amendments may include unanticipated or required reductions or increases in revenue via any source. Managing Cities shall provide County with copies of amendments to branch budgets upon County's request.

Annually, each Managing City shall provide County with a statement of all receipts and disbursements made pursuant to this Agreement, listing all items of receipt and expenditure throughout the year. Such statements showing the amount spent in each respective County branch located in that Managing City's Zone shall include an itemization of salaries and wages, materials, supplies, and services, capital outlay, and use of reserves and gifts. In particular, such statement

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shall show as separate items those obligations and expenditures which are made or incurred for the purpose set forth in Section 6. The annual financial statements shall be submitted no later than sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year. Each Managing City shall keep accurate accounts and records for funds expended to accomplish the purpose of this Agreement, and shall make such accounts and records available at all times for inspection and audit by authorized agents of the County of Santa Barbara. All such accounts and records shall be retained for at least a period of five (5) years after the fiscal year to which such records relate. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. COUNTY shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at any time during Managing City's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. In addition, if this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), each Managing City shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor, at the request of the COUNTY or as part of any audit of the COUNTY, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement (Cal. Govt. Code Section 8546.7). Managing Cities shall be subject to, participate in, and cooperate with, all audits, examinations or reviews, whether by COUNTY, the State, or the Federal Government.

If federal, state or COUNTY audit, examination or review exceptions, findings, adjustments or disallowances are made relating to this Agreement, each Managing City shall reimburse its share respectively of all such exceptions, adjustments, and disallowances.

18. Gifts

Each Managing City shall have or adopt a gift policy, to inventory, characterize, track, and report on gifts made directly to a Managing City's individual branch library. Each Managing City shall provide a copy of its gift policy to the County. Each Managing City shall notify County of any changes made in the gift policy. In the event any person gives or bequeaths any gift directly to any library herein referred to, such gift shall be treated according to the gift policy of Managing City or County, as applicable. Any gift accepted for a library in the unincorporated areas of County shall become the property of County. Any gift accepted by a Main Library shall become the property of that Managing City. Each gift given directly to a library shall, to the extent desired by the presenter, contain specific reference regarding preferred use (i.e., programs, equipment, books etc.).

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19. Emergency

In the event of an emergency (a) which results in a loss of library materials, and/or (b) which affects the ability of any branch library to maintain the current level of library service, any party hereto may request the assistance of any other party in obtaining replacement library materials necessary for the functioning of the affected branch; provided, that all expenditures for replacement materials are approved in advance and in writing by the requesting party, the assisting party shall be entitled to full reimbursement from the requesting party for all expenditures made in accordance with applicable laws governing the assisting party.

20. Assignment

No Managing City shall assign or otherwise transfer, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law or otherwise, this Agreement or any of such Managing City's rights or obligations hereunder, or any monies payable hereunder, without the prior written consent of County in each instance. Any attempt to so transfer without County's prior written consent shall be voidable by County.

21. Provisions Required by Law Deemed Inserted

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Agreement shall be deemed to be inserted herein, and this Agreement shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted or is not correctly inserted, then upon request of any party hereto this Agreement shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.

22. Notices

Any notice or consent required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, by first class mail, postage prepaid, or otherwise delivered as follows:

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County of Santa Barbara
Jesús Armas,
Community Services Director
123 East Anapamu Street, 2nd Floor
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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Dawn Jackson, Library Director
Santa Maria Public Library
421 S. McClelland Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454

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Sarah Bleyl, Library Director
Lompoc Public Library
501 E. North Avenue
Lompoc, CA 93436

Elizabeth Saucedo, Library Director
Goleta Valley Library
500 North Fairview
Goleta, CA 93117

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Brandon Beaudette, Library Director
Santa Barbara Public Library
P.O. Box 1019
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

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Jody Thomas, Library Director
Carpinteria Public Library
5141 Carpinteria Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93013

or at such other address or to such other person that the parties may from time to time designate. Notices and consents under this section, which are sent by mail, shall be deemed to be received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail.

23. Section Headings

The headings of the several sections, and any table of contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

24. Severability

If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

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25. Remedies Not Exclusive

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to County is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.

26. Entire Agreement and Amendment

In conjunction with the matters considered herein, this Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties hereto regarding the subject matter hereof, and there have been no promises, representations, agreements, warranties, or undertakings by any of the parties, either oral or written, of any character or nature hereafter binding except as set forth herein. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by an instrument in writing, executed by all the parties to this Agreement and by no other means. Each party waives its future rights to claim or assert that this agreement was modified, canceled, superseded, or changed by any oral agreements, course of conduct, waiver, or estoppel.

27. Successors and Assigns

All representations, covenants, and warranties set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party and its permitted successors and assigns.

28. Compliance with Law

Each party hereto shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all County, State, and Federal ordinances, regulations, and statutes now in force or which may hereafter be in force with regard to this Agreement. The judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, or the admission of any such party in any action or proceeding against such party that such party has violated any such ordinance or statute, shall be conclusive of that fact as between such party and County, whether or not County is a party in such litigation.

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29. California Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any litigation regarding this Agreement or its contents shall be filed in the County of Santa Barbara, if in state court, or in the federal district court nearest to Santa Barbara County, if in federal court.

30. Execution of Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

31. Authority

All signatories to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles, and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such signatories and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any local, state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, each party hereby warrants that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which that party is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

32. Digital and/or Electronic Signatures

Digital and/or electronic signatures created in a manner consistent with the County's Electronic and Digital Signature Policy ITAM-0430 (12/8/2020) shall satisfy the County's requirements for signing this document. Signatures can be made by electronic, scanned, faxed, and/or digital means. Contracts signed with proper electronic and digital signatures are valid and enforceable.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A – County Zone Service Delivery Map
- Exhibit B – Maintenance and Repair Responsibilities for County Owned Library Facilities

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective as of the date executed by County.

ATTEST:
Mona Miyasato
County Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board

By: Sheila Labuena
Deputy Clerk

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: Steve Lavagnino
Steve Lavagnino

Chair, Board of Supervisors
Date: 12-17-24

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Community Services Department

DocuSigned by:
Jesus Armas
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By: _____
Department Head

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA
Auditor-Controller

Signed by:
Shawna Jorgensen
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By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel

Signed by:
Lauren Wideman
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By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Greg Milligan
Risk Manager

Signed by:
Greg Milligan
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By: _____
Risk Management

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF SANTA MARIA

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
City Attorney

By: _____
Risk Manager

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:

By: _____
City Administrator

By: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
City Attorney

By: _____
Risk Manager

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CITY OF LOMPOC

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor _____

By: _____
City Clerk _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
City Attorney

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CITY OF GOLETA

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor _____

By: _____
City Clerk _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
City Attorney

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CITY OF CARPINTERIA

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mayor _____

By: _____
City Clerk _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Map of Library Service Delivery Zones
of the
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Zone 3

Ventura County

Zone 5

Zone 1

Zone 4

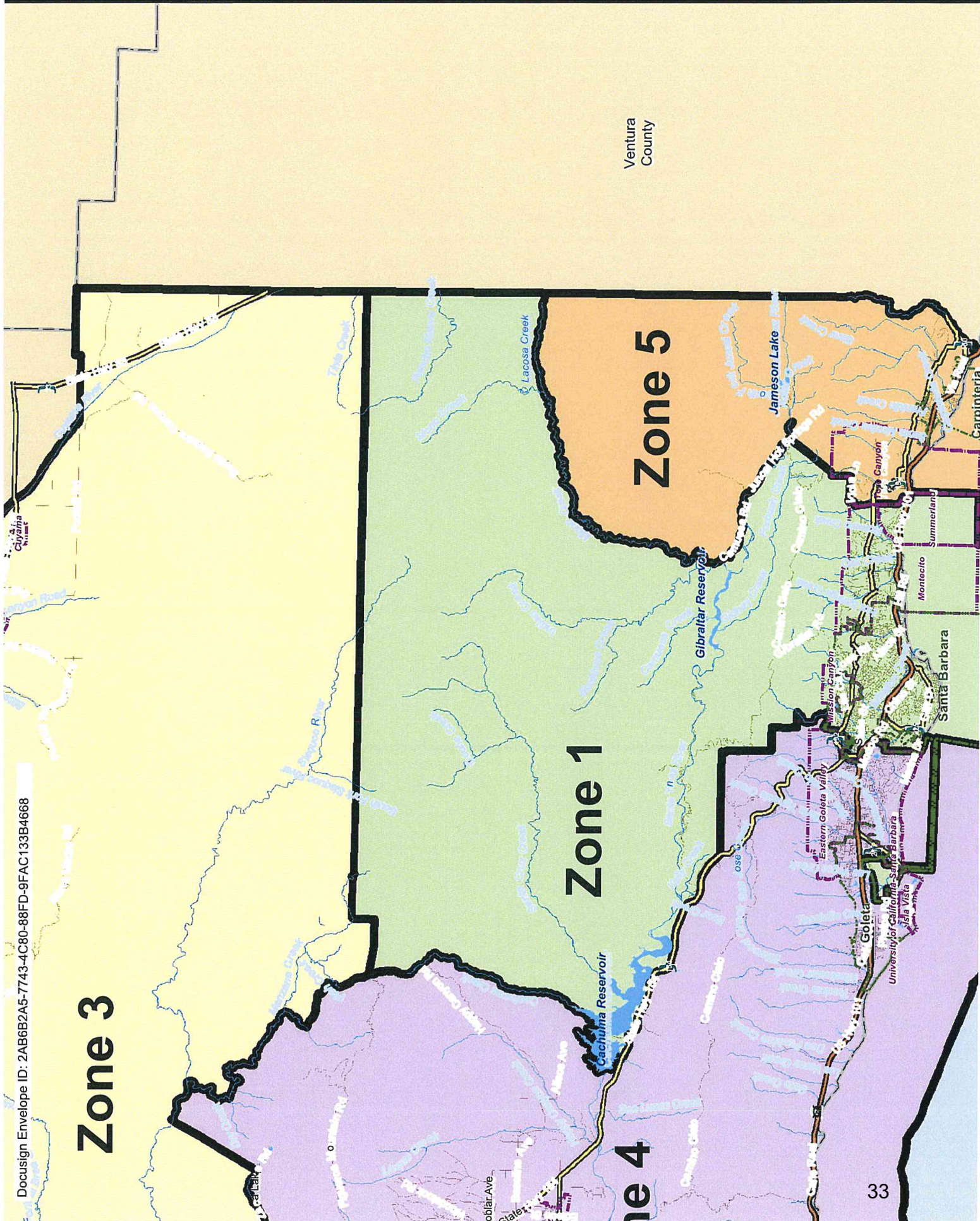


Exhibit B – Maintenance and Repair Responsibilities for Library Facilities
of the
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EXHIBIT "B"

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COUNTY LIBRARY FACILITIES
 CUYAMA, MONTECITO, SOLVANG AND VANDENBERG VILLAGE

ITEM NO.	ITEM	NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTY	MANAGING CITY
1. Building Exterior				
	Repair Walls		X	
	Painted Surfaces*		X	
	Door and Window Trim		X	
	Doors, Hardware		X	
	Windows: Hardware and Screens		X	
	Locks		X	
	Roof		X	
	Rain Gutters		X	
	Flashing		X	
	Down Spouts		X	
	Lighting			
	Bulbs			X
	Fixtures		X	
	Transformers		X	
	Fluorescent Lights			X
	Ballast		X	
	Handrails		X	
	Signs (County Designation)		X	
	Timers			X
	Gutters		X	
	Decking Walkways		Replace	Maintain
	Exterior Patios		X	
	Decking (Overdecking on roof top area)		X	
	Water Softener, Filter and Conditioner		X	
	Stairs		X	
	Roof Drains		X	
	Gates		X	
	Gas/Water Lines		X	
	Elect. Lines		X	
	Phone/ Computer Lines			X
	Sewer Lines		X	

ITEM NO.	ITEM	NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTY	MANAGING CITY
2. Building Interior				
	Repair Walls		X	
	Painted Surfaces		X	
	Doors, Hardware		X	
	Locks		X	
	General Cleaning			X
	Floor, Sweeping and Cleaning			X
	Carpet, Vacuum and Cleaning			X
	Window Coverings			X
	Lighting			
	Bulbs			X
	Fixtures		X	
	Transformers		X	
	Fluorescent Lights			X
	Ballast		X	
	Handrails (ADA)		X	
	Signs			X
	Timers			X
	Drinking Fountains		X	
	Ceiling			X
	Showers			X
	Toilet/Urinals (Replacement)		X	
	Toilet/Urinals (Maintenance)			X
	Sink & Faucets (Replacement)		X	
	Sink & Faucets (Maintenance)			X
	Gas Lines		X	
	Water Lines		X	
	Sewer Lines/Drains		X	
	Phone Lines & Jacks			X
	Computer Lines & Jacks			X
	T.V. Cable & Jacks			X
	Phones			X
	Towel Racks			X

ITEM NO.	ITEM	NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTY	MANAGING CITY
	Garbage Disposal			X
	Refrigerator/ Microwave			X
	Stove			X
	Counter Tops, replacement		X	
	Cabinets, replacement		X	
	Dish Washer			X
	Trash Compactor			X
3. Grounds				
	Drinking Fountains		X	
	Mail Boxes			X
	Fences		X	
	Trash Bins			X
	Trash Enclosures		Replace	Maintain
	Bike Racks			X
	Signs (County)		X	
	Litter Pick-up			X
	Lighting			
	Parking Lot		X	
	Driveways		X	
	Walkways		X	
	Timers (external)		X	
	Timers (internal)			X
	Signs		X	
	Cleaning, Sidewalks, Walkways, Parking Lot			X
4. Landscaping				
	Trees		X	
	Shrubs		X	
	Flowers		X	
	Lawn		X	

ITEM NO.	ITEM	NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTY	MANAGING CITY
	Watering		X	
	Sprinkler, Repair and Replace		X	
	Headers		X	
	Rodent/Pest		X	
	Seeding		X	
	Fertilizer		X	
	Plant Trimming		X	
	Plant Removal		X	
	Plant Replacement		X	
	Tree Care & Trimming		X	
5. Mechanical Systems				
	Electrical Panels, Breaker, Interior		X	
	Electrical Fuses, Interior		Replace	Maintain
	Electrical Receptacle, Switches, Interior		X	
	Electrical Central Switches		X	
	Elevator		X	
	Heating		Replace	Maintain
	Air Conditioning		Replace	Maintain
	Water Heater		Replace	Maintain
6. Roadways/Parking Lots Repair & Maintenance				
	Striping		X	
	Handicap Signage		X	
	Asphalt Surface, Curbing		X	
	Cement Surface, Curbing		X	
	Wheel Stops		X	
	Drainage		X	
	Signs		X	

ITEM NO.	ITEM	NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTY	MANAGING CITY
7. Fire Equipment				
	Sprinklers		X	
	Hoses		X	
	Extinguisher (interior)			X
	Alarm Systems		X	
	Smoke Detectors		Replace	Maintain
8. Other Items				
	Paper supplies, dispensers, waste containers, soap in restrooms and kitchens			X
	Interior janitorial products and services			X
	Interior Floor Waxing, Sweeping			X
	Window Washing (interior & exterior)			X
	Exterior sweeping entry, sidewalks and walkways			X
	Janitorial service for public areas or common use areas			X
	Broken window glass or door glass**		X	
	Refuse, Rubbish and Garbage Disposal			X
	Cleaning Storage Rooms, Utility Rooms			X
	Exterminating		X	
	Carpet Replacement, Linoleum Replacement, and/or Tile Replacement		X	
	Building Foundation		X	
	Flooring (wood & concrete)		X	
	Utility mains & appurtenances		X	
	Library Drop Box			X