

## Summary Information for Selected Firms

**Ascent Environmental, Inc. (Ascent)** – Ascent is a comprehensive multidisciplinary environmental and planning consultancy with an established presence in San Diego, offering the District specialized expertise with a full suite of services to meet diverse project needs. Ascent is an environmental, natural resources, urban design, and planning consultancy that comprises professionals with knowledge of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the California Coastal Act, and the local regulatory setting and environmental issues in San Diego. Ascent has a history of working with the District on environmental review, master planning, and technical services including projects such as: the Port Master Plan Update (PMPU), the Maritime Museum Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Fifth Avenue Landing Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and San Diego Bay and Imperial Beach Oceanfront Fireworks Display EIR, and assisted on several other projects. They also have extensive experience in the greater San Diego region working with the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego, and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Ascent is recommended for both Category 1 (Environmental Review) and Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreements.

**Chambers Group, Inc. (Chambers)** – Chambers is an environmental consulting firm with 45 years of experience helping public government agencies keep their projects in compliance with CEQA, NEPA, and other environmental impact regulations. In the last 10 years, they have held over 200 on-call contracts with public agencies. The Chambers team is composed of planners, archaeologists, paleontologists, and biologists with specific experience working with clients on environmental review and technical services in southern California and the greater San Diego region. Chambers Group has worked with the District providing On-call Planning, Biological, and Cultural Services and is starting a new environmental review project with the District at the Sheraton San Diego. Other relevant project experience includes: work on the Otay Water District's Vista Diego Hydropneumatics Pump Station Project and San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station Environmental Management and Compliance During Decommissioning. Chambers is recommended for the Category 1 (Environmental Review) on-call agreement.

**Civitas, Inc. (Civitas)** – Civitas is a consultancy and design studio, advising clients on a wide range of strategies for re-imagining city conditions. They are a leading design firm practicing across North America and beyond. Founded in 1984, the firm has accomplished major transformational change, urban regeneration and built works totaling well over \$1 billion in project value. Civitas has completed integrated planning studies for Shelter Island, Harbor Island, and the Embarcadero Planning Districts, as well as more comprehensive studies of the East Harbor Island Planning Area and the North and South Embarcadero Sub-Districts. These studies, completed in collaboration with consultants under separate agreements with the District, explore roadway reconfigurations, development patterns/yields, recreation open space sizes, locations, and potential uses, and configurations of a continuous waterfront promenade to create frameworks from

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which policies and guidelines can be created and/or tested as part of the comprehensive PMPU. Civitas is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.

**Dudek** – Dudek is a multidisciplinary environmental firm with planners, scientists, engineers, and technical staff who assist public and private sector clients with a broad range of project types, including but not limited to industrial, maritime, hotels, and master plans. Dudek's work includes providing contract planning services; preparing general plans, general plan updates, housing elements, and municipal or county code amendments; and conducting specialized technical studies, including marine spatial planning, aquaculture permitting, and sea level rise policy development. Dudek has a history of working with the District on environmental review, master planning, and various technical services, as well as with other ports and agencies throughout southern California and the greater San Diego region. Other relevant project experience includes: the PMPU, BAE Systems Waterfront Improvement Project, Los Angeles County Metro Area Plan, City of Pismo Beach General Plan Update, and the Yolo County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Dudek is recommended for both Category 1 (Environmental Review) and Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreements.

**ECORP Consulting, Inc. (ECORP)** – ECORP has been in business for 38 years, and has been preparing CEQA and NEPA documents since 2004. ECORP specializes in assisting government agencies and private clients with a wide range of environmental services, including technical expertise in land use planning; biological, cultural, paleontological, and water resources; and regulatory compliance with CEQA, NEPA, the Clean Water Act, the federal and state Endangered Species Acts, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and other laws and regulations. ECORP has well-established working relationships with the resources agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). ECORP has extensive experience providing as-needed environmental consulting services to various public agencies, including but not limited to the County of Los Angeles, City of San Marcos, City of Costa Mesa, City of Laguna Beach, City of Santa Ana, and County of Riverside. Recent completed projects include the Cook's Crack Sea Cave Emergency Stabilization Project for the City of San Diego and the City of Dana Point's Harbor Rockfall Mitigation Project. ECORP is recommended for the Category 1 (Environmental Review) on-call agreement.

**Environmental Planning Development Solutions, Inc. (EPD)** – EPD's full-service environmental compliance team specializes in preparing legally defensible CEQA/NEPA compliant environmental review documents and technical studies that meet agency requirements and comply with applicable laws, regulations, plans, and procedures. Relevant project experience includes: the Downtown Commercial Core Specific Plan and associated Program EIR for the City of Tustin, Advanced Technology and Education Park environmental review for the South Orange County Community College District, and Bowery Mixed Use Project environmental review for the City of Santa Ana. EPD is recommended for the Category 1 (Environmental Review) on-call agreement.

**Eyestone Environmental, LLC (Eyestone)** – Eyestone’s staff has completed hundreds of CEQA documents throughout the Southern California region, including substantial CEQA documentation for projects in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), City of Long Beach, City of Pasadena, and the City of Beverly Hills. Eyestone staff have also successfully managed and/or prepared CEQA documentation for the District. Recent District projects include work on the District’s Topgolf/East Harbor Island Port Master Plan Amendment, an MND for Marine Group Boat Works, and the PMPU. Eyestone is recommended for the Category 1 (Environmental Review) on-call agreement.

 **GHD, Inc. (GHD)** – GHD provides expertise, experience, proven project process, and the necessary resources to support the District. GHD environmental staff have provided a wide array of environmental services support for public infrastructure and private development projects in the San Diego Area for over 25 years. Comprehensive services include project management, public involvement, interagency coordination, technical services, and environmental compliance for similar port development projects up and down the West Coast and beyond. The GHD team offers substantial experience completing both CEQA and NEPA processes. Relevant project experience includes work on the Bayshore Bikeway Resiliency Project for the City of Imperial Beach and the Coastal Resilience Master Plan for the City of San Diego. GHD is recommended for the Category 1 (Environmental Review) on-call agreement.

**HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR)** – HDR is an environmental consulting and engineering firm with a strong presence in southern California specializing in environmental, planning, transportation, water, construction management, and other technical services. The HDR team includes planners, engineers, and technical specialists with expertise in a variety of disciplines including air quality, biology, hydrology, and archaeology. They have extensive experience managing and working on long-range planning and implementation projects, and providing environmental review and technical services for public sector clients throughout the region, including the District. Relevant project experience includes: the Wetland Mitigation Bank at Pond 20 and PMPA EIR/EA, project management for National City Bayfront Projects and Plan Amendments for the District; and Link US Project EIR/EIS for Metro in Los Angeles, CA. HDR is recommended for the Category 1 (Environmental Review) on-call agreement.

**Intersecting Metrics** – Intersecting Metrics provides master planning services, with a focus on transportation, throughout the Southern California region. Intersecting Metrics currently leads an as-needed Mobility Planning contract with the District and also serves as a subconsultant on multiple as-needed planning contracts for the District. Relevant work experience for the District includes work on the PMPU and North Harbor Drive Mobility and Access Study. Additional experience includes work on the Mission Boulevard Public Spaces and Active Transportation Plan for the City of San Diego. Intersecting Metrics is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.

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**MIG, Inc. (MIG)** – MIG is a full-service planning and urban design firm that includes a concentration in transit-oriented development and sustainable design. The MIG team has experience working on a range of strategic planning documents, including site-specific infrastructure, residential, institutional, mix-use and transit-oriented developments, downtowns and streetscapes, and broader policy initiatives like general, open space, and regional plans. MIG has worked with local municipalities in the greater San Diego region. Relevant project experience includes: the University Community Plan Update for the City of San Diego, Sustainable Mobility Plan Community Engagement for the City of Carlsbad, and the Manhattan Beach Outdoor Dining Program for the City of Manhattan Beach. MIG is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.

**NexusPlan, Inc. dba Nexus Planning & Research (Nexus)** – Nexus is a California-focused integrated planning and research firm with core services in long-range land use planning, entitlement, and historic review. The Nexus team includes architects, urban planners, demographers, and economists who focus on providing practical solutions, and they have worked on numerous projects for investment and development, government, and non-profit clients. Nexus has a history of working with the District on master planning efforts and technical services needs. Relevant project experience includes: PMPU content management and policy, standards, and framework development, the District's Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment & Coastal Resiliency Report, and the Fourth Avenue Redevelopment Historic Resource Assessment for H.G. Fenton. Nexus is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.

**Perkins Eastman** – Perkins Eastman creates urban districts, places, and buildings of enduring memory and environmental and economic resilience that enrich the communities that they serve. Perkins Eastman has worked extensively on waterfront projects across California and globally for over 30 years. Their portfolio includes the Rainbow Harbor, Queensway Bay Redevelopment Plan in Long Beach, CA, the Newport Dunes Resort & Marina Master Plan for Newport Beach, CA, the Sacramento Waterfront Vision (SACTO H2O) in Sacramento, CA, and the Los Angeles Waterfront Master Plan in San Pedro, CA. Perkins Eastman is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.

**Glen A. Rick Engineering & Development Corporation dba Rick Engineering Company (RICK)** – RICK is a planning, design, and engineering firm with extensive experience across the western U.S., including the greater San Diego region. The RICK team is composed of planners, engineers, economists, and other technical specialists who have worked with a broad range of clients to provide a full range of engineering and land use planning services, including visioning, concept development, community outreach, economic and transportation analyses, and implementation. Relevant project experience includes: Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan preliminary engineering services, Transportation/Traffic Elements for the City of Murrieta General Plan Update, and Economic Analysis and Market Study for the Lafayette Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lafayette, CO. RICK is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.

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**RIOS** – RIOS is a multidisciplinary design studio with local and nationwide experience in community planning, urban design, architecture, and landscape architecture. They specialize in creating gathering places where community and culture can thrive. Their design approach celebrates creating spaces that inspire joy, invite participation, provide respite, and bring people together, strongly aligning their philosophy with the mission of the District. Relevant project experience includes: The 1901 Project for the City of Chicago, the OCVIBE Master Plan in Anaheim, CA, and the Sacramento Downtown Commons in Sacramento, CA. RIOS is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.

**Stantec** – Stantec provides a wide range of professional and multi-disciplinary consulting services in the planning, design, and construction of ports and marine terminals. Delivering a full suite of environmental services, master planning, feasibility studies, risk assessments, design, specialized geotechnical review, project management, sustainability, social responsibility, multiple party engagement, procurement, and construction administration. The Stantec team consists of planners, architects, engineers, scientists, and economists working together. Relevant project experience includes: the City of Vallejo's Mare Island Environmental and Urban Planning Services, the City of Sacramento's Waterfront Redevelopment Project, and the South Shore Site Reuse Plan in Stockton, CA. Additionally, Stantec is supporting planning efforts for the Seaport San Diego Waterfront Redevelopment Project for the District. Stantec is recommended for both Category 1 (Environmental Review) and Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreements

**Summit Planning Group** – Summit Planning Group has experience working with private clients, governmental agencies, and agency representatives, including the District, providing solutions for a wide range of high profile, multi-faceted projects. The firm specializes in project management from conception through approval: long-range plans, project entitlements, outreach services, Coastal Commission coordination, coalition building, and related services. Additionally, the firm is skilled in preparing policy documents and long-range master planning documents particularly for large, transformative initiatives, including downtown revitalization projects, and large-scale coastal projects. Relevant project experience includes: the PMPU, Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan Project and Coastal Processing for the City of Chula Vista, and the City of Manhattan Beach Downtown Specific Plan. Summit Planning Group is recommended for both Category 1 (Environmental Review) and Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreements

**SWA Group (SWA)** - SWA is a national leader in placemaking, landscape architecture, and urban design. The firm is structured to facilitate the role of planning and design in developing memorable places that have clarity in function, identity, and meaning. In addition to bringing strong aesthetic, functional, and social design ideas to each project undertaken by the firm, they are committed to integrating principles of environmental sustainability in their designs. Relevant project experience includes: the San Pedro Waterfront Connectivity Plan for the Port of Los Angeles, the Battleship Iowa Connectivity

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Plan and Freedom of the Seas Park in Los Angeles, CA, and the King Harbor Public Amenities Plan in Redondo Beach, CA. SWA is recommended for the Category 2 (Master Planning/Urban Design) on-call agreement.