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the environment, the wildlife, and the natural resources of all waters of California;

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WHEREAS, Defendants PacifiCorp and Pacific Power ("Defendants") are public utilities providing electric service to roughly 2.1 million people across their approximately 143,000 square mile service area throughout California, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. In support of providing electrical service, Defendants own and operate over 17,784 miles of transmission lines, 66,788 miles of distribution lines, and 1,312,816 electric utility poles or structures in the field, as well as other assets, including those certain Facilities (as defined below) where Defendants have stored and maintained utility poles and other wood materials, some of which were treated with pentachlorophenol;

WHEREAS, on or about November 29, 2023, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Civil Penalties in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California ("District Court"), against Defendants ("Complaint"), which is the operative complaint in this case;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants discharged contaminated stormwater containing pollutants to waters of the United States without National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit authorization in violation of Clean Water Act ("CWA") section 301(a), 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), at the Defendants' facility located at 1054 Northcrest Drive, Crescent City, CA 95531 ("Crescent City Facility"). The Complaint further alleges that Defendants contributed or are contributing to the past or present handling, storage, treatment, transportation, or disposal of pentachlorophenol and Dioxins, that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to health or the environment, in violation of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") section 7002(a)(1)(B), 42 U.S.C. § 6972(a)(1)(B);

WHEREAS, Plaintiff represents that it notified the State of California and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") of its intent to file suit regarding the Crescent City Facility and certain other of Defendants' facilities pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §

1365(a) and 42 U.S.C. § 6972(b), on June 7, 2023 (the "Notice Letter");

WHEREAS, on or about May 14, 2024, Plaintiff sent a Notice of Violation ("NOV") of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), and 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue. The Proposition 65 NOV alleged that Defendants have knowingly discharged or released chemicals known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity into water or onto or into land where such chemical passes or probably will pass into any source of drinking water, resulting from their operations at the Crescent City Facility. To date, no public agency has initiated any enforcement action against Defendants under Proposition 65 related to the NOV.

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2024, Plaintiff sent a substantially similar Proposition 65 NOV to Defendants and all required public agencies for discharges or releases of listed chemicals to sources of drinking water resulting from Defendants' industrial operations at a property located at 600 Standard Veneer Road, Crescent City, California 95531 ("Standard Veneer Facility"), which is not owned by Defendants. The Parties have negotiated this Consent Judgment with an intent to include and resolve any potential claims that Plaintiff may have against Defendants with respect to the two noticed facilities (the Crescent City Facility and the Standard Veneer Facility) under Proposition 65 ("Proposition 65 Noticed Facilities") even if not included in the Complaint;

WHEREAS, Defendants deny the occurrence of the violations and dispute the facts alleged in all Notice Letters and the Complaint, including denying that either the CWA or RCRA are applicable under the law or facts alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint. Defendants further deny that their Facilities (or operations thereon) are causing or otherwise contributing to an imminent and substantial endangerment pursuant to RCRA. Defendants do not admit any liability arising out of the allegations or occurrences alleged in the Notice Letters or the Complaint. Defendants maintain that at

all times Defendants have not been required to have an NPDES permit for the Facilities and have not otherwise violated the CWA. Defendants further maintain that they have complied with all applicable provisions of RCRA, that the Facilities are not causing an imminent and substantial endangerment, and that the Proposition 65 Noticed Facilities have not caused any discharge of Proposition 65 chemicals to sources of drinking water;

WHEREAS, the Parties enter into this Consent Judgment in an effort to efficiently and cost-effectively resolve Plaintiff's CWA, RCRA, and Proposition 65 claims against Defendants in the Action (as defined below) without further litigation. The terms in this Consent Judgment are negotiated solely for the purpose of this settlement and are not an admission by any of the Parties as to: (i) the applicability of any law or regulation; (ii) the basis for and/or applicability of any Pollutant Action Levels, Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels or Infiltration Best Management Practice ("BMP") Pollutant Action Levels (as defined below) for any purpose other than for use within the scope of this negotiated Consent Judgment; (iii) the legal entitlement to, and/or the factual basis supporting, any payments made pursuant to this Consent Judgment; or (iv) any independent legal requirement for the use of any BMP, sampling technique or frequency, the installation of any infrastructure or deployment of any treatment technologies, and/or any characterization and/or remediation of any of the Facilities or any nearby areas; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and Defendants (each a "Party" and collectively referenced herein as the "Parties") acknowledge that this Consent Judgment has been negotiated by the Parties in good faith, will avoid the continued expense, uncertainty, and time of litigation between the Parties, and that this Consent Judgment is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND ORDERED BY THE COURT AS FOLLOWS:

I. DEFINITIONS

1. Whenever the terms listed below are used in this Consent Judgment, the definitions below shall apply. To the extent a term with initial capitalization is used in this Consent Judgment, but not defined in this Definitions section below, the term shall have the meaning provided for in this Consent Judgment.

"Action" means the Complaint, Notice Letters, and all operative pleadings and orders on file in Civil Case No. 4:23-cv-05179-JST.

"Consent Judgment" means this Consent Judgment and any attachments or documents incorporated by reference.

"Day" means a calendar day. In computing any time period under this Consent Judgment, where the last day of such period is a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal or State of California holiday, the period runs until the close of business on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal or State Holiday.

"Dioxins" means polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans.

"Dioxins TEQ" means the value for all polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans congeners calculated according to World Health Organization ("WHO") 2005 Toxic Equivalency Factors ("TEF") and the Bioaccumulation Equivalency Factors ("BEF") according to the March 1995 Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative for all purposes except for the Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels (as defined below). For purposes of the Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels, the Dioxins TEQ means all polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans congeners calculated according to WHO 2005 TEF only.

"Distinct Storm Event" means any precipitation event preceded by at least 48 hours with no more than 0.1 inch of precipitation at the relevant Facility.

"Dry Season" means the five-month period beginning May 1st of any given year and ending September 30th of the same year.

"Effective Date" means the effective date of this Consent Judgment, which shall be the date on which this Consent Judgment is entered by the Court.

"Facilities" or "Facility" means the facilities listed in **Exhibit A** to this Consent Judgment.

"Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level" means the product of multiplying the Facility-specific Dilution Factor (as derived and defined in Paragraph 25 below) times a Pollutant Action Level, to the extent that a Facility-specific Dilution Factor is relevant for a particular Facility. Where no applicable Facility-specific Dilution Factor exists, or where a dilution factor has not yet been calculated by Defendants for a Facility, then the Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level shall be equal to the Pollutant Action Level.

"Housekeeping BMPs" means the stormwater source control measures and best management practices identified in Paragraphs 7 to 15 of this Consent Judgment.

"Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels" means 1 μ g/L for pentachlorophenol and 3 x 10⁻⁵ μ g/L for the Dioxins TEQ.

"Interim Measures" means the placement of oil absorbent socks around the perimeter of the Pole Area(s), the placement of oil absorbent pads under the Pole Area(s), or the placement of drop inlet filtration in the storm drain inlet(s) that drain stormwater runoff from the Pole Area(s). Interim Measures, where required under this Consent Judgment, shall only be implemented during the Wet Season.

"Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" ("MS4") means any publicly owned system for the collection, conveyance, and discharge of stormwater runoff.

"Pole Area" or "Pole Areas" means all locations at a Facility where pentachlorophenol-treated wood utility poles or other pentachlorophenol-treated wood materials, such as crossarms, are stored uncovered. For purposes of clarity, the

presence of pentachlorophenol-treated wood utility poles in service does not make any portion of a Facility a Pole Area that would not otherwise qualify as a Pole Area.

"Pollutant" or "Pollutants" means pentachlorophenol and Dioxins.

"Pollutant Action Levels" mean 15 $\mu g/L$ for pentachlorophenol and 2.8 x 10⁻⁸ $\mu g/L$ for the Dioxins TEQ.

"Source Control BMPs" means the elimination of Pole Area storage at a Facility, followed by (i) sweeping and power-washing ("Surface Cleaning"), or (ii) resurfacing or removal and replacement of the surface material of the eliminated Pole Area(s) ("Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material").

"Defendants' Representative" means an employee, agent, consultant, or contractor of Defendants or anyone authorized to act on Defendants' behalf.

"Termination Date" means the date no later than five (5) years after the Effective Date when this Consent Judgment shall terminate unless this Consent Judgment terminates earlier in accordance with Section X (Partial or Full Termination).

"Treated Wood Waste" or "TWW" means any wood treated with pentachlorophenol, including but not limited to utility poles, utility pole crossarms, portions of utility poles or utility pole crossarms, sawdust, wood chips, or similar debris generated when cutting or otherwise handling pentachlorophenol-treated utility poles or crossarms the Defendants do not intend to put into service in an electrical grid.

"Treatment/Structural BMPs" means the stormwater source control measures and best management practices identified in Paragraph 20(a) of this Consent Judgment.

"TWW Approved Landfill" means (1) a class I hazardous waste landfill, or (2) a composite-lined portion of a municipal solid waste landfill that meets any requirements imposed by the state law and regulations adopted pursuant the Water Code, and that is

authorized to accept the wood waste under waste discharge requirements issued by the California regional water quality control board pursuant to the Water Code.

"Wet Season" means the seven-month period beginning October 1st of any given year and ending April 30th of the following year.

II. DISMISSAL AND JURISDICTION

- 1. Federal Agency Review. Within five (5) business days of the Parties signing this Consent Judgment, Plaintiff shall submit this Consent Judgment to the United States Department of Justice and the EPA (the "Federal Agencies") for agency review consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 135.5. The agency review period expires forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt by the Federal Agencies, as evidenced by certified mail tracking information, or upon the date that the Federal Agencies provide a no objection letter, whichever is earlier ("Federal Agency Review Period"). If the Federal Agencies object to entry of this Consent Judgment or to any portion thereof, the Parties agree to meet and confer to attempt to resolve the issue(s) raised by the Federal Agencies. If the Parties are unable to resolve any issue(s) raised by the Federal Agencies in their comments, the Parties agree to expeditiously seek a settlement conference with the Court to resolve any issue(s).
- 2. <u>California Attorney General Review</u>. Within five (5) business days of the Parties signing this Consent Judgment, Plaintiff shall submit this Consent Judgment to the California Attorney General for review consistent with 11 California Code of Regulations § 3003(a). The California Attorney General review period expires forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt by the California Attorney General ("California Attorney General Review Period"). If the California Attorney General objects to entry of this Consent Judgment or to any portion thereof, the Parties agree to meet and confer to attempt to resolve the issue(s) raised by the California Attorney General. If the Parties are unable to resolve any issue(s) raised by the California Attorney General

in their comments, the Parties agree to expeditiously seek a settlement conference with the Court to resolve any issue(s).

- 3. <u>Court Notice</u>. Within ten (10) Days of the Parties signing this Consent Judgment, Plaintiff shall file with the District Court a Notice of Settlement. Plaintiff shall further notify the Court of the expiration dates for review by the Federal Agencies and California Attorney General to coordinate the Court's calendar with the 45-day review period.
- 4. Entry of Consent Judgment and Case Dismissal. Within ten (10) business Days after close of the Federal Agency Review Period and California Attorney General Review Period or, if either agency objects to entry of this Consent Judgment or any portion thereof, after the resolution of those objections, pursuant to Paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the Parties shall file a Stipulated Request for Entry of the Consent Judgment and [Proposed] Order with the Court, along with this Consent Judgment that shall be attached and incorporated by reference, requesting that the Court enter this Consent Judgment. Within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, Plaintiff shall file a Stipulation to Dismiss with Prejudice and [Proposed] Order ("Stipulation and Order") with the Court requesting that the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2), and that the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Consent Judgment as provided herein. The date the Court signs the Stipulation and Order is the "Dismissal Date."
- 5. <u>Venue and Continuing Jurisdiction</u>. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that venue and pendant or supplemental jurisdiction over alleged Proposition 65 claims is proper in the Court without the need to amend the operative Complaint and stipulate that the Court retains jurisdiction for the purpose of overseeing implementation of the Consent Judgment, including any dispute resolution or enforcement pursuant to Section VIII, any technical dispute

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resolution or enforcement pursuant to Section VII, or in response to any motion to modify the Consent Judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60.

III. WORK TO BE PERFORMED

Preparation of Stormwater Maps for Each Facility

6. No later than ninety (90) Days after the Dismissal Date, Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with a "Facility Stormwater Map" for each of Defendants' Facilities listed in Exhibit A, identifying all Pole Areas and any locations where stormwater runoff from the Pole Areas is collected and/or discharged. The maps shall include the following information, as applicable: (i) identification of any drop inlets, sumps, oil/water separators, and/or catch basins receiving stormwater from Pole Areas, (ii) the corresponding stormwater discharge points for stormwater generated within each Pole Area, (iii) ground type(s) (pervious or impervious), (iv) the direction and pattern of surface stormwater flows at the Facilities, (v) berms, dikes, walls, and all other structures controlling the flow of surface water or any stormwater storage or treatment infrastructure (as well as the capacity of such infrastructure if capacity information is readily available); and (vi) where stormwater samples are or could be collected. In addition, at a minimum, the maps for the Facilities shall also identify the Facilities' boundaries, the paved area(s) where TWW is generated or stored, each storm drain inlet that will be subject to inspection pursuant to Paragraph 11, driveways subject to inspection pursuant to Paragraphs 12 to 14, paved areas subject to the requirements of Paragraph 15, and whether stormwater discharges from a Facility to an MS4. Within ninety (90) Days after Defendants implement any additional Treatment/Structural BMP(s) or Source Control BMP(s) at a Facility pursuant to this Consent Judgment, Defendants shall update the Facility Stormwater Map for the affected Facility to reflect the new Treatment/Structural BMP(s) or Source Control BMP(s), and any resulting new or relocated discharge points for stormwater runoff from Pole Areas, and shall provide such updated maps with the next Annual Report, as provided in Paragraph 42.

2 3 duration of this Consent Judgment, unless and until a Facility is terminated in accordance with Section X (PARTIAL OR FULL TERMINATION) of this Consent 4 5 Judgment, Defendants shall implement Housekeeping BMPs at each Facility listed in Exhibit A. The Housekeeping BMPs shall be designed and implemented at each 6 7 Facility to reduce the potential for Pollutants to become entrained in stormwater flows 8 or blow off the Facility, and to keep all paved areas of the Facility as clean as 9 practicable to reduce the potential for TWW to be tracked off the Facility onto surface streets. The Housekeeping BMPs shall include the measures specified in Paragraphs 7 10

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Site Sweeping and Cleaning of the Facilities. Defendants shall implement 8. the following site sweeping and cleaning measures at all uncovered portions of the Facility yards, as applicable:

Within ninety (90) Days after the Dismissal Date, and throughout the

- (i) Defendants shall sweep and clean all exterior paved areas according to the following schedule: (a) once a month during the Wet Season, and (b) once in September of each year;
- (ii) on an annual basis before the start of the Wet Season, but after the annual sweeping in September mandated by this Paragraph 8, Defendants shall conduct an inspection of each Facility and, to the extent warranted by the inspection, perform additional site cleaning as needed, including a power/pressure wash of exterior paved areas;
- Defendants shall not discharge any fluids or solids generated by sweeping or other site cleaning at the Facilities to storm drain inlets that discharge to off-site areas or waterways;
- Defendants shall collect and dispose of all wastes generated during cleaning and sweeping at the Facilities in a manner that complies with all applicable

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local, state, and federal laws; and

- (v) Defendants shall designate and provide appropriate training to the employees or contractors responsible for implementing site sweeping and cleaning to ensure compliance with the Consent Judgment's terms.
- 9. <u>TWW Collection & Management</u>. Defendants will manage TWW as follows:
- (i) Prior to cutting TWW in an outdoor location at a Facility,
 Defendants will place visqueen underneath any TWW to be cut, or implement another
 method of capturing TWW sawdust and debris, to collect sawdust or debris generated
 from such cutting operations. After cutting, Defendants will sweep, vacuum, or
 otherwise clean the visqueen, or implement another method of capturing TWW
 sawdust and debris, to remove any TWW sawdust or debris and place the sawdust or
 debris in a TWW storage bin for offsite disposal;
- (ii) When TWW sawdust or debris is generated at a Facility,
 Defendants will also promptly sweep, vacuum, or otherwise clean any area at the
 Facility where TWW sawdust or debris have fallen to remove TWW sawdust or debris
 and place it within a TWW storage bin for offsite disposal;
- (iii) Within one (1) year of the Effective Date, Defendants will place TWW storage bins with water-impermeable covers at two (2) or more Facilities, which shall include the Crescent City Facility. Within two (2) years after the Effective Date, all TWW storage bins at the Facilities will have water-impermeable covers. Each TWW storage bin with a water-impermeable cover at a Facility shall be maintained in a closed position except when TWW is being placed therein or retrieved for offsite disposal;
- (iv) During wet weather events, Defendants will affix a temporary water-resistant cover on any TWW storage bin at a Facility that does not yet have a water-impermeable cover;

- (v) Any TWW at a Facility shall be placed in a TWW storage bin prior to the end of the workday;
- (vi) Operations generating TWW shall be confined to designated paved areas at each Facility, as reflected on the Facility Stormwater Maps prepared pursuant to Paragraph 6; and
- (vii) TWW must be disposed of in a TWW Approved Landfill for California Facilities, or the equivalent in Oregon or another state.
- 10. Storm Drain Covers. During the Dry Season, on each stormwater drop inlet that receives stormwater runoff from Pole Areas, Defendants shall install a solid material cover to prevent dust and solids from collecting in the inlet. These covers may be removed prior to the start of any forecasted precipitation with a likelihood of occurrence of 50% or greater as determined by the applicable National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast. Covers shall not be required for linear trench drains or during the Wet Season, but any uncovered linear trench drains shall have oil absorbent socks placed in them.
- beginning of the Wet Season, Defendants shall inspect the storm drain inlets and trench drains at each Facility. To the extent warranted by this inspection, Defendants shall clean each drain inlet and trench drain as needed using a vacuum or other effective cleaning device/method to remove dust and solids that have entered the storm drain inlets and trench drains. As necessary, Defendants shall clean out the drain inlets and trench drains at the Facilities following significant storm events and shall properly dispose of any solids removed from storm drain inlets, trench drains, or catch basins. Defendants shall inspect the drain inlets and trench drains at each Facility during the Wet Season at least monthly and, as needed, properly remove and dispose of any solids identified in the storm drains and trench drains that could materially affect their functioning.

12. Wet Weather Visual Observations During Stormwater Sampling. Each time stormwater sampling is required by this Consent Judgment at a Facility, Defendants shall observe the potential discharge location(s), including the perimeter of the Facility, to determine if and where discharge of stormwater from Pole Areas is occurring. During such wet weather visual observations, appropriately trained Defendants' Representatives shall monitor for the presence of visually observable oil sheens in any stormwater discharges and/or discolored or turbid stormwater discharges and consider any such observations as they implement the Treatment/Structural BMP(s) identified in Paragraph 20(a), unless Defendants have implemented Source Control BMP(s) identified in Paragraph 21 at the Facility instead of Treatment/Structural BMP(s).

- shall conduct visual inspections. Appropriately trained Defendants' Representatives shall conduct visual inspections at each Facility at least monthly during the Wet Season and at least once during the Dry Season. Such visual inspections shall include Pole Areas and areas where TWW may be generated or stored, and driveways where vehicles exit from Facility yards. All designated stormwater discharge points shall also be inspected for accumulation of debris, sediment, sand, grit, oily substances, oily sheens upon any standing water, and other materials that may affect stormwater quality discharging from the Facility. Such inspections shall further include observations of any Treatment/Structural BMP(s) identified in Paragraph 20(a) and any Alternative BMP(s) (as defined below) approved in accordance with Paragraph 23 that is implemented at the Facility to ensure that the BMPs are in good condition and working order and shall verify that Housekeeping BMPs are being implemented to the extent practicable.
- 14. <u>Inspection for Offsite Tracking</u>. Defendants shall inspect the driveways and streets where vehicles exit from the Facilities once per month during the Wet Season, and at least once during the Dry Season to determine whether solids are being

tracked offsite from the Facilities onto adjoining streets by vehicle traffic. If Defendants observe offsite tracking of solids from the Facilities, Defendants will, to the extent practicable, sweep areas where tracking has been observed.

- 15. <u>Inspection of Paved Areas</u>. Defendants shall inspect the paved portions of the Pole Areas and other exterior areas where TWW is generated or stored at each Facility on an annual basis and implement spot repairs on an as-needed basis to eliminate material cracks that could trap Pollutants and/or to maintain stormwater drainage from the Facilities within designed or designated flow paths.
- 16. Training. At least annually, and prior to the Wet Season following the hiring of new employees or consultants directly involved in stormwater management, inspection, or grounds cleaning at the Facilities, Defendants shall conduct training to explain the requirements of the Consent Judgment to the extent applicable. Training shall focus on the trainee's role in implementing various Consent Judgment measures including, for example, implementation of Housekeeping BMPs at the Facilities. If necessary, this training shall be conducted bilingually (*i.e.*, Spanish/English or other pertinent language) to the extent that a trainee is not reasonably able to comprehend training in English.
- 17. <u>Housekeeping Logs</u>. Defendants shall develop and use standardized log forms to track the dates on which site sweeping, cleaning, inspections, and visual observations are performed in accordance with Paragraphs 7 to 15, and note any identified concerns and responsive actions taken by Defendants.
- 18. <u>BMP Obligation</u>. At each Pole Area at a Facility, Defendants shall either implement one or more of the Treatment/Structural BMPs described in Paragraph 20(a), which shall be designed and reasonably expected to avoid or minimize discharge of Pollutants in any stormwater runoff from Pole Areas, or implement the Source Control BMPs set forth in Paragraph 21. At each Pole Area, Defendants shall have sole

discretion to choose which of the following Treatment/Structural BMP(s) or Source Control BMP(s) to implement.

Treatment/Structural BMP Program

- 19. Within thirty (30) Days after the Dismissal Date, Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with a list of Facilities where it is considering the alternative of installation of any Treatment/Structural BMP during the first year.
- 20. At each Facility where Defendants elect to install a Treatment/Structural BMP listed below (Paragraph 20(a)), Defendants shall demonstrate that the Treatment/Structural BMP is successful. The demonstration will be considered successful after laboratory results of samples of stormwater discharged from the Treatment/Structural BMP, collected during two (2) Distinct Storm Events, on different days, occurring during the Facility's normal business hours (unless Defendants, at their sole discretion, elect to collect samples during non-business hours), reflect attainment of the Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels. Once the Treatment/Structural BMP demonstration is determined to be successful, no further sampling of that Treatment/Structural BMP installation will be necessary.
- (a) **Treatment/Structural BMPs**: At each Pole Area at a Facility where Defendants do not elect to implement the Source Control BMPs, Defendants shall implement one or more of the following Treatment/Structural BMPs. At each Pole Area, Defendants shall have sole discretion to choose which of the following Treatment/Structural BMP(s) to implement.
- (i) <u>Infiltration</u>: Defendants agree to implement structural improvements (e.g., infiltration basins, dry wells, ditches, trenches, or functionally equivalent infrastructure) in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and sized, at a minimum, to infiltrate stormwater runoff from a Facility's Pole Area(s) during an 85th percentile, 24-hour storm at the Facility ("Infiltration BMP"). Defendants shall install pre-treatment infrastructure as necessary to treat runoff from

the Pole Area(s) generated from, at a minimum, an 85th percentile, 24-hour storm to meet the Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels and to remove oil as necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the treatment prior to discharge to the Infiltration BMP. Defendants shall only install an Infiltration BMP under the following conditions:

(a) the area being treated by the Infiltration BMP has a slope less than 15%; (b) no local, state, or federally directed cleanup of groundwater contamination exists within 100 feet of the Infiltration BMP site; (c) the Infiltration BMP site has a hydrologic soil group type of A, B, or C as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services; and (d) the depth to groundwater at the Infiltration BMP site is greater than 30 feet.

- (A) <u>Infiltration BMP Demonstration</u>. At each Facility where Defendants elect to install an Infiltration BMP, Defendants shall demonstrate that the pre-treatment prior to the Infiltration BMP is successful. The demonstration will be considered successful after laboratory results of samples of stormwater entering the Infiltration BMP (or alternatively, samples taken from a vadose zone lysimeter beneath the Infiltration BMP), taken during two (2) consecutive Distinct Storm Events occurring during the Facility's normal business hours (unless Defendants, in their sole discretion, elect to collect samples during non-business hours), reflect attainment of the Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels. Once the Infiltration BMP demonstration is determined to be successful, no further sampling of that Infiltration BMP installation will be necessary at the Facility where that BMP has been installed.
- (ii) <u>Covered Storage</u>: At each Facility where Defendants elect to install Covered Storage, Defendants shall implement structural improvements designed to shield pentachlorophenol-treated wood materials stored at a Facility's Pole Area(s) from contact with stormwater, such as with a roof, fixed and/or moveable sides on a paved surface with berms. Defendants shall provide Plaintiff copies of the design plans

for each Facility where the Covered Storage Treatment/Structural BMP will be implemented no later than (5) days before implementation.

- (iii) <u>Sanitary Sewer</u>: At each Facility where Defendants elect to implement stormwater diversion to Sanitary Sewer, Defendants shall capture and divert stormwater up to the 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event from a Facility's Pole Area(s) into a POTW's sewer system, in accordance with the requirements of the applicable local publicly owned treatment works ("POTW") requirements. Upon Defendants' notification that a POTW or other relevant agency has deemed the application for a discharge pursuant to this Paragraph 20(a)(iii) complete, Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with a copy of such complete application within ten (10) Days.
- (iv) Permit or Order: At each Facility where Defendants elect to pursue a separate Permit or Order, Defendants shall discharge stormwater from a Facility's Pole Area(s) as required or authorized by a regulatory agency permit, order, or equivalent requirement (e.g., Waste Discharge Requirements), provided that compliance with the relevant requirements precludes an offsite imminent and substantial endangerment from any release of stormwater. Upon Defendants' notification that an agency has deemed the application for a discharge pursuant to this Paragraph 20(a)(iv) complete, Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with a copy of such complete application within ten (10) Days.
- (A) A permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Class V underground injection control well shall not qualify for purposes of this Paragraph 20(a)(iv) Treatment/Structural BMP
- (B) Should Defendants obtain coverage under (1) the State Water Resources Control Board's NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, (2) a Facility-specific NPDES or Waste Discharge Requirements ("WDR") permit that addresses stormwater discharges from the Facility, or (3) a company-specific or industry-specific NPDES or WDR permit

applicable to the Facilities that addresses stormwater discharges from the Facilities, such permit shall qualify for purposes of this Paragraph 20(a)(iv) Treatment/Structural BMP. In the event such permit coverage is obtained, unless a direct conflict exists between the permit terms and the Housekeeping BMPs, Defendants shall continue to comply with the Housekeeping BMPs in accordance with the terms of this Consent Judgment. Should Defendants seek to obtain a facility-specific, company-specific, or industry-specific NPDES or WDR permit coverage as provided in (B)(2) or (B)(3) above, Defendants shall ensure that Plaintiff is included among the people to receive public notice in accordance with the regulating agency's permitting procedures.

- (C) Except for those permits or equivalent requirements provided for in Paragraphs 20(a)(iii) or 20(a)(iv)(A) of this Consent Judgment, following issuance of a regulatory agency permit or order regulating the discharge of stormwater from a Facility's Pole Area(s), to the extent Defendants intend to rely on such permit or order for purposes of compliance with this Paragraph 20(a)(iv) Defendants shall meet and confer with Plaintiff as to whether Defendants' discharge of stormwater from a Facility in compliance with such permit or order adequately precludes any offsite imminent and substantial endangerment from the discharge of stormwater from that Facility's Pole Area(s). Any dispute between the Parties as to whether such permit or order qualifies for purposes of this Paragraph 20(a)(iv) Treatment/Structural BMP shall be resolved pursuant to the process set forth in Section VIII (DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT).
- (v) <u>Filtration Treatment</u>: At each Facility where Defendants elect to implement a Filtration Treatment BMP, Defendants shall route all stormwater from a Facility's Pole Area(s) through a stormwater filtration treatment BMP (e.g., media filter, biofilter) sized to capture and treat, at a minimum, runoff from an 85th percentile, 24-hour design storm event at the Facility ("Filtration Treatment BMP"). The Filtration Treatment BMP shall be designed to reduce Pollutants in stormwater

runoff from the Pole Area(s) to, or below, Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels.

(A) At each Facility where Defendants elect to install a Filtration Treatment BMP, Defendants shall demonstrate that the Filtration Treatment BMP is successful. The demonstration will be considered successful after laboratory results of samples of stormwater discharged from the Filtration Treatment BMP, collected during two (2) consecutive Distinct Storm Events occurring during the Facility's normal business hours (unless Defendants, in their sole discretion, elect to collect samples during non-business hours), reflect attainment of the Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels. Once the Filtration Treatment BMP demonstration is determined to be successful, no further sampling of that Filtration Treatment BMP installation will be necessary.

Source Control BMP Program

- 21. As an alternative to Treatment/Structural BMPs listed above, Defendants may, in their sole discretion, implement Source Control BMPs at each Facility.
- (a) Within thirty (30) Days after the Dismissal Date, Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with a list of Facilities where they are considering installation of any Source Control BMP during the first year. The following shall constitute **Source**Control BMPs for purposes of this Consent Judgment:
- (1) <u>Cessation of Pole Area Storage</u>. Defendants shall cease Pole Area storage of utility poles and crossarms treated with pentachlorophenol. Defendants shall then implement one of the following two next steps (either Surface Cleaning, or Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material).
- (2) <u>Surface Cleaning</u>. If Defendants elect to perform Surface Cleaning, this Source Control BMP will be considered successful and complete if two (2) consecutive stormwater samples from two (2) Distinct Storm Events from the eliminated Pole Area(s) show that Facility-Specific Pollutant Action Levels are met. Stormwater samples shall be collected from runoff that drains the eliminated Pole

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Area(s). If the laboratory results reflect attainment of Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels, no further work shall be required to implement this Source Control BMP. If the laboratory results do not reflect attainment of Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels, Defendants, in their sole discretion, shall have the option to implement further Surface Cleaning prior to the next Wet Season, or implement the Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material discussed in Paragraph 21(a)(3) or Treatment/Structural BMPs discussed in Paragraph 20(a) prior to the next Wet Season. If Defendants elect to implement further Surface Cleaning, they shall collect stormwater samples in accordance with this Subparagraph 21(a)(2) commencing the next Wet Season. If after the second round of Surface Cleaning, the laboratory results do not reflect attainment of Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels, Defendants shall implement the Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material discussed in Paragraph 21(a)(3) or Treatment/Structural BMPs discussed in Paragraph 20(a) prior to the next Wet Season. Within 14 Days of receiving laboratory results that do not reflect attainment of Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels, Defendants shall implement Interim Measures for the remainder of the Wet Season, and any further Wet Season(s) until laboratory results reflect attainment of Facilityspecific Pollutant Action Levels or the Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material discussed in Paragraph 21(a)(3) or Treatment/Structural BMPs discussed in Paragraph 20(a) are complete.

Resurfacing, or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area

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Surface Material. If Defendants elect to implement Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material, no sampling will be required, and this

24 Source Control BMP will be considered fully implemented once complete. If

25 Defendants elect to implement Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area 26 Surface Material where notice was provided in accordance with Paragraph 21(b), as

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needed, Defendants shall submit the information necessary to obtain permits or 28

authorizations to proceed with the Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material within 120 Days of the Effective Date of the Consent Judgment, and shall implement the Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material by no later than the start of the 2025-2026 Wet Season (provided Defendants can timely obtain any required permits or authorizations). Should the Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material not occur prior to the 2024-2025 Wet Season, Defendants shall implement Interim Measures during the 2024-2025 Wet Season and any further Wet Season until the Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material is complete.

- (b) <u>Notification of Election to Implement Source Control BMPs.</u>

 Defendants' notice to Plaintiff of their intent to implement the Source Control BMP Alternative at any Facility covered by this Consent Judgment, sent within 30 Days of the Dismissal Date of the Consent Judgment, shall include whether Defendants elect to implement Surface Cleaning, or Resurfacing or Removal and Replacement of Pole Area Surface Material.
- (c) <u>Source Control BMP Demonstration</u>. Defendants shall implement Interim Measures during the 2024-2025 Wet Season if the Source Control BMP is not complete. First attempt sampling, if applicable and necessary, shall be completed during the first Wet Season following the implementation of the Source Control BMP. Second attempt sampling, if necessary, shall be complete during the second Wet Season following the implementation of the Source Control BMP.
- (d) <u>Report on Status of Source Control BMP Implementation</u>.

 Defendants shall also notify Plaintiff of the status of the implementation of the Source Control BMP as part of the Annual Reports required by Paragraph 42.
 - 22. <u>BMP Implementation Timeframe</u>.
- (a) Defendants shall implement one or more of the Treatment/ Structural BMPs identified in Paragraph 20 or Source Control BMPs identified in

Paragraph 21 at the Pole Area(s) at not less than two (2) of the Facilities within one year following the Dismissal Date. One of these two first Facilities must be the Crescent City Facility, and the other Facility may be chosen by Defendants in their sole discretion. Thereafter, Defendants shall implement one or more of the Treatment/Structural BMPs referred to in Paragraph 20 or Source Control BMPs identified in Paragraph 21 at the Pole Area(s) at the remaining Facilities listed in Exhibit A within two years following the Dismissal Date. If Plaintiff intervenes in any regulatory permitting process pursued by Defendants needed to meet the requirements of Paragraph 20 or 21—by submitting comments, seeking a meeting with regulators, or otherwise—any resulting delay shall be considered a Force Majeure event (pursuant to Paragraph 62) extending any affected deadline by an amount of time corresponding to the delay solely attributable to Plaintiff's intervention provided that Defendants were otherwise diligently pursuing such permits.

- (b) Defendants shall have sole discretion to choose the Facilities where Treatment/Structural BMPs or Source Control BMPs will be implemented in each year except that Defendants shall implement one or more of these Treatment/Structural BMPs or Source Control BMPs at the Crescent City Facility within one year following the Effective Date.
- 23. Alternative BMPs. As an alternative to the BMPs required under Paragraph 20, Defendants may develop and employ alternative BMPs for Pole Area(s) and, as needed, gather stormwater runoff Pollutant level data concerning their effectiveness. If the data gathered by Defendants shows that alternative BMPs are effective to meet Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels in stormwater runoff from the Pole Area(s) discharged to an MS4 or the Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels in stormwater runoff from the Pole Area(s) infiltrated onsite, and Defendants decide to implement those alternative BMPs to meet the requirements of this Consent Judgment, Defendants shall prepare and present a report to Plaintiff proposing to add alternative

1	BMPs for purposes of compliance with Paragraph 23 ("Alternative BMP Proposal").
2	Plaintiff shall have forty-five (45) Days after receipt of an Alternative BMP Proposal
3	to review and provide written comment to Defendants. If Plaintiff does not oppose
4	Defendants' Alternative BMP Proposal in writing within the 45-day review period,
5	Defendants may implement the Alternative BMP Proposal in lieu of one or more of the
6	Treatment/Structural BMPs specified in Paragraph 20 for the Pole Area(s) identified in
7	the Alternative BMP Proposal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plaintiff shall not
8	unreasonably oppose an Alternative BMP Proposal if it complies with applicable legal
9	requirements and is demonstrated that the Alternative BMP Proposal is equivalent in
10	effectiveness to the Treatment/Structural BMPs listed in Paragraph 20. If the Parties
11	are unable to agree on Defendants' Alternative BMP Proposal, then their dispute shall
12	be resolved pursuant to the technical dispute resolution provisions of Section VII

13 (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION).

24. When implementing the Treatment/Structural BMPs and any approved

Alternative BMP Proposal as described in Paragraphs 20 through 23, Defendants shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations and shall obtain any required permits

or approvals from appropriate regulatory agencies.

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Facility-Specific Pollutant Action Levels

25. Calculation and Application of Facility-Specific Pollutant Action Levels. Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels shall only apply to the levels of Pollutants detected in stormwater discharges from Treatment/Structural BMPs in Paragraph 20 and the Surface Cleaning Source Control BMP option set forth in Paragraph 21 or, as appropriate, to an Alternative BMP Proposal approved pursuant to Paragraph 23 that discharges to an MS4. Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels are derived by multiplying the Pollutant Action Levels by Facility-specific Dilution Factors calculated in accordance with Paragraph 25(b).

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(a) Defendants may calculate dilution factors pursuant to Paragraph 25(b) to apply to the levels of Pollutants detected in stormwater runoff from Pole Area(s) discharged to an MS4 ("Facility-specific Dilution Factors").

(b) Defendants shall calculate Facility-specific Dilution Factors consistent with industry standard and practice and shall incorporate the following steps: (i) estimate runoff volume from the Pole Area(s) of a specific Facility; (ii) estimate runoff volume at the MS4 outfall for the stormwater drainage basin that receives stormwater runoff from the Facility; and (iii) calculate the ratio of total runoff volume for the surrounding stormwater drainage basin relative to the total runoff volume from the Pole Area(s) at the specific Facility. Stated via equation, dilution factors shall be calculated as follows:

Dilution Factor = Surrounding drainage basin area runoff volume dilution factor/Pole Area runoff volume

Calculation of the runoff volumes used in determining a Facility-specific Dilution Factor shall account for the imperviousness and soil infiltration characteristics of the relevant Pole Area(s) and the stormwater drainage basin surrounding the specific Facility. The size of the stormwater drainage basin surrounding the Facility may be estimated via the use of publicly available information, including maps, topography, and visual information. Any disputes regarding calculation and/or application of Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels shall be resolved pursuant to the technical dispute resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION).

26. Optional Report(s) Regarding Background Concentrations of Pollutants. If a Pollutant concentration in stormwater runoff from a Pole Area discharged to an MS4 exceeds a Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level after implementation of a Treatment/Structural BMP pursuant to Paragraph 20, the Alternative BMP Proposal approved pursuant to Paragraph 23, or the Source Control BMP Program approved

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pursuant to Paragraph 21(a)(2), Defendants, at their sole discretion, may direct a thirdparty consultant to provide a technical report evaluating whether and to what extent off-site background Pollutant concentrations may be affecting the Pollutant concentrations detected in stormwater samples taken at a Facility ("Background Concentration Report"). Based on the data analysis in the technical report, Defendants may propose an adjusted Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level for the affected Facility that considers the Pollutant loading from offsite sources. Upon receipt of Defendants' proposal for an adjusted Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level in accordance with this Paragraph 26, and the supporting technical report, Plaintiff shall have twenty-one (21) Days to review and provide written comment to Defendants. If Plaintiff does not oppose Defendants' proposal for an adjusted Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level in writing within the 21-Day review period, Defendants may use the adjusted Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level specified in the proposal to evaluate compliance with this Consent Judgment at the affected Facility. If Plaintiff does object to the adjusted Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level, the Parties shall resolve their differences pursuant to the technical dispute resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION).

Off-Site Contamination Remediation of the Crescent City Facility

27. Within 60 days of the Effective Date, Defendants shall submit to Plaintiff a draft work plan for the property(ies) North of the Crescent City Facility on the areas delineated inside the red lines on the map in **Exhibit C** ("Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan"). The Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan shall include provisions providing for: (1) removing soil, sediment, and debris on the paved areas delineated in Exhibit C; (2) removing the top 18 inches of soil in any portion of the area delineated in Exhibit C that is not currently paved, and back filling those areas with clean soil; (3) removing any existing pavement and re-paving the paved areas delineated in Exhibit C; (4) disposing of any removed soil and pavement in a TWW

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Approved Landfill; and (5) installation of curbing along the fence line sufficient to prevent stormwater generated at the Crescent City Facility from entering the areas delineated in Exhibit C and to instead direct such stormwater to the Crescent City Facility's stormwater collection system (collectively the "Crescent City Remedial Measures").

- 28. Plaintiff shall have 30 days to comment on the Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan. Defendants shall either accept Plaintiff's suggested revisions to the Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan or provide written explanation why Defendants are rejecting the suggestions. In the event the Parties are unable to agree whether the Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan presents an acceptable approach to the Crescent City Remedial Measures, the matter shall be resolved by the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION). If Plaintiff agrees to the Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan, the Technical Peer Review Process Panel approves a Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan under the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION) (either as presented by Defendants or as revised through the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION)), or Plaintiff failed to provide any comments on the Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan within 30 days of service of same on Plaintiff, such document will become the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan.
- 29. Defendants shall use best efforts to gain approval from the landowner(s) of the adjacent property(ies) delineated in Exhibit C to secure the landowner's(s') permission to carry out the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan. In the event the landowner(s) refuse to grant Defendants permission to carry out any one or more, but less than all, of the provisions of the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan, Defendants shall treat such obligations as severable and shall still be required to carry out any provision(s) of the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan for which the

landowner(s) grants permission. Should, after Defendants have used best efforts to gain permission to implement the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan, one or more of the neighboring landowners not agree to performance of any of the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan actions performed on their property(ies), Defendants' off-site remediation obligations as to that property(ies) shall be deemed fulfilled.

- 30. The Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan shall specify that Defendants shall begin the Crescent City Remedial Measures, or shall apply for any required permits, within 15 days of the landowner(s) granting permission to implement the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan, or any portion thereof, and shall complete implementation of the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan as expeditiously as possible after all required permits, if any, are issued.
- 31. Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with copies of any permit applications, permit decisions, and/or issued permits under the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan and any communications with any government agencies regarding those applications, decisions, and/or permits within five (5) days of submitting, sending, or receiving such applications, decisions, permits, and/or communications.
- 32. Following implementation of the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan, Defendants shall demonstrate that the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan is successful by submitting to Plaintiff a Crescent City Final Remedial Action Report providing details of the Crescent City Remedial Measures work Defendants carried out. If any dispute arises regarding the sufficiency of the Crescent City Final Remedial Action Report or whether the Crescent City Remedial Measures were carried out as specified in the Final Crescent City Remediation Work Plan, the matter shall be resolved by the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION).

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Contamination Remediation of the Standard Veneer Facility

- 33. As soon as possible after the Effective Date, Defendants will consult with the owners of the Standard Veneer Facility in an attempt to secure site access to the Standard Veneer Facility for the purpose of carrying out the actions discussed below. Defendants' consultation with the owners of the Standard Veneer Facility shall include Defendants' best efforts to resolve any reasonable requests of the owners in order to gain site access. Regardless of whether the above consultation has resulted in site access for the Standard Veneer Facility, within 120 days of the Effective Date, Defendants shall submit to Plaintiff a draft work plan for the portion of the Standard Veneer Facility delineated inside the red lines on the map in **Exhibit D** that requires remediation ("Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan"). The Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan shall include provisions providing for: (1) removing any wood chips, splinters, and other TWW from the areas delineated in Exhibit D; (2) removing the top 8 inches of soil in the area delineated in Exhibit D and back filling with clean soil; (3) disposing of any removed soil and TWW in a TWW Approved Landfill; and (4) paving or placing a concrete pad over the areas delineated in Exhibit D (collectively the "Standard Veneer Remedial Measures"). Should Defendants seek to exclude any area(s) in Exhibit D from the Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, Defendants must submit a detailed justification for any area excluded.
- 34. Plaintiff shall have 30 days to comment on the Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, including any proposed exclusion of any portion of Exhibit D from any and/or all of the Standard Veneer Remedial Measures. Defendants shall either accept Plaintiff's suggested revisions to the Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan or provide written explanation why Defendants are rejecting the suggestions. In the event the Parties are unable to agree whether the Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan presents an acceptable approach to the Standard

Veneer Remedial Measures, the matter shall be resolved by the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION). If Plaintiff agrees to the Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, the Technical Peer Review Process Panel approves a Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan under the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION) (either as presented by Defendants or as revised through the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION)), or Plaintiff failed to provide any comments on the Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan within 30 days of service of same on Plaintiff, such document will become the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan.

- 35. Defendants shall use best efforts to gain approval from the landowner(s) of the Standard Veneer Facility to gain access to the relevant portions of the Facility in Exhibit D, to carry out the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan. In the event the landowner(s) refuse to grant Defendants access or permission to carry out any one or more, but less than all, of the provisions of the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, Defendants shall treat such obligations as severable, if possible, and shall still be required to carry out any provision(s) of the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan for which the landowner(s) grants permission. Should, after Defendants have used best efforts to seek permission to gain access to or to implement the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, one or more landownernot agree to access or performance of any of the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan actions performed on their property, Defendants' remediation obligations as to that Standard Veneer property shall be deemed fulfilled.
- 36. The Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan shall specify that Defendants shall begin the Standard Veneer Remedial Measures, or shall apply for any required permits, within fifteen (15) days of the landowner(s) granting permission to implement the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, or any portion thereof,

and shall complete implementation of the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan as expeditiously as possible after all required permits, if any, are issued.

- 37. Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with copies of any permit applications, permit decisions, and/or issued permits under the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan and any communications with any government agencies regarding those applications, decisions, and/or permits within five (5) days of submitting, sending, or receiving such applications, decisions, permits, and/or communications.
- 38. Following implementation of the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, Defendants shall demonstrate that the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan is successful by submitting to Plaintiff a Standard Veneer Final Remedial Action Report providing details of the Standard Veneer Remedial Measures work Defendants carried out. If any dispute arises regarding the sufficiency of the Standard Veneer Final Remedial Action Report or whether the Standard Veneer Remedial Measures were carried out as specified in the Final Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, the matter shall be resolved by the Dispute Resolution provisions of Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION).

IV. SAMPLING AND DATA

39. <u>Sampling Parameters</u>. All samples shall be analyzed for pentachlorophenol utilizing EPA Method 8270C and for polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans utilizing EPA Method HRGC/HRMS 8290 for tetra through octa chlorinated dibenzo dioxins and furans. Sample analysis must be performed on unfiltered samples by a laboratory accredited by the State of California. Defendants shall request the laboratory to achieve the lowest method detection level and lowest minimum level or reporting level that can be accomplished with the relevant method and sample matrix. For purposes of comparison to the Pollutant Action Level or Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level, Defendants shall calculate the Dioxins TEQ using the equation and the TEF and BEF provided in **Exhibit B** to this Consent

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Judgment. For purposes of comparison to the Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Level, Defendants shall calculate the Dioxins TEQ using the equation for the TEF provided in Exhibit B to this Consent Judgment. In calculating the Dioxins TEQ, constituents reported as ND (not detected) or DNQ (detected, not quantifiable) by the laboratory will be treated as equivalent to zero. The calculated Dioxins TEQ shall be used for comparisons to the Dioxins Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Level, Pollutant Action Level, or Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level.

40. Inspections During the Term of this Consent Judgment. Defendants shall permit representatives of Plaintiff to perform inspections of any of the Facilities that remain subject to the Consent Judgment up to a combined total of three (3) inspections per calendar year prior to the Termination Date, with each Facility not being inspected more than once every year. Each inspection shall be performed by no more than three (3) representatives of Plaintiff and may include photographing and/or videotaping of inspected areas without capturing sound and avoiding images of Defendants' Representatives. Plaintiff shall provide Defendants with a copy of all photographs and video no later than five (5) Days after the inspection. The duration of Plaintiff's inspection shall not exceed two (2) hours and shall be limited to the outdoor areas of the Facility yard where TWW storage bins, Treatment/Structural BMPs, Pole Areas, and storm drain inlets are located, and where stormwater runoff from such areas flows. Plaintiff's representatives must remain with Defendants' Representative(s) at all times during the inspection and comply with all Facility rules and requirements. Plaintiff shall provide at least two (2) full business days advance written notice of an inspection conducted pursuant to this Paragraph 40 identifying the inspection date and start time and name of the Plaintiff Representatives who will attend the inspection, and providing contact information for such individuals. Such notice shall be provided to the attention of the persons listed in Paragraph 69, unless and until new contact information is provided by Defendants. Once Plaintiff provides notice of a Facility inspection, that

notice will count as one of their three (3) inspections for the year, regardless of whether the inspection occurs. However, Plaintiff shall have the right to cancel and reschedule two (2) inspections per calendar year due to a change in weather forecast. In the event of the resurgence of the COVID 19 pandemic or other similar type situation, which requires social distancing or other comparable controls, Defendants' protocols and health and safety parameters shall apply. Any dispute with respect to such protocols and parameters shall be resolved pursuant to the process set forth in Section VIII (DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT). Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent Defendants from continuing to implement Facility and regulatory rules and requirements or any Housekeeping BMPs or Treatment/Structural BMPs consistent with the terms of this Consent Judgment during the period prior to an inspection by Plaintiff or at any other time.

41. No Party shall withhold from any other Party any data incorporated into any required report or proposal presented or response to such report or proposal exchanged by the Parties in accordance with this Consent Judgment. This Paragraph 41, however, in no way waives the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product doctrine as to advice and communication about such information developed by or provided to any Party or as may otherwise be applicable.

V. REPORTING

- 42. <u>Contents and Schedule for Submission of Annual Reports</u>. Starting in 2026, Defendants shall prepare and provide to Plaintiff a report documenting Defendants' actions to comply with this Consent Judgment during the prior reporting year (January 1 to December 31) <u>by July 30 of each year</u> that this Consent Judgment is in effect ("Annual Report"), as follows:
- (a) <u>BMPs</u>. The Annual Report will summarize the Housekeeping BMPs, Treatment/Structural BMPs, Source Control BMPs, any actions taken to

address any reported exceedance(s) during the prior reporting year of either a Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level or Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Level, and Defendants' assessment of the efficacy of these actions, and the Treatment/Structural BMPs planned to be implemented in the next reporting year, including identification of the Facilities where Defendants intend to implement these Treatment/Structural BMPs. The Annual Report shall also include copies of any Facility Stormwater Map updated during the prior reporting year in accordance with Paragraph 6.

- Report shall include summary table(s) of laboratory analytical results for any stormwater samples collected pursuant to the requirements of this Consent Judgment during the prior reporting year, together with comparison of the laboratory analytical results to the applicable Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels or Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels. The Annual Report will also include copies of the final laboratory reports for any stormwater samples collected pursuant to the requirements of this Consent Judgment during the prior reporting year. If for any reason Defendants do not collect stormwater samples as required by this Consent Judgment, the Annual Report shall describe the reason(s) the sampling did not occur as required, and, as appropriate, the remedial action(s) Defendants will take to prevent recurrence. This information shall be accompanied by maps showing the locations where the samples were collected.
- (c) <u>Dilution Factors</u>. Defendants shall report any Facility-specific Dilution Factors applied to data included in the Annual Report and provide the calculations performed to arrive at those Facility-specific Dilution Factors. Defendants reserve the right to propose changes to Facility-specific Dilution Factors if changed circumstances occur at any of the Facilities covered by this Consent Judgment. Disputes regarding proposed changes to Facility-specific Dilution Factors will be

resolved through the technical dispute resolution process in Section VII (TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION).

- (d) Regulatory Agency Documents. During the term of this Consent Judgment, Defendants shall provide Plaintiff with copies of all permit applications except for those applications previously provided in accordance with Paragraphs 20(a)(iii) and 20(a)(iv) of this Consent Judgment, material agency correspondence related to permit conditions, and issued regulatory agency permits and authorizations associated with the implementation of Treatment/Structural BMPs described in Paragraph 20(a), an Alternative BMP Proposal approved pursuant to Paragraph 23, and any remediation of the Crescent City Facility or Standard Veneer Facility under Paragraphs 27-38, sent or received by Defendants during the prior reporting year.
- (e) <u>Non-Confidential Summary</u>. Each Annual Report shall contain a non-confidential portion summarizing Defendants' actions taken in the prior year, the status of Consent Judgment implementation, and plans for the following year.
- 43. <u>Preservation</u>. Through the Termination Date for each relevant Facility, Defendants shall preserve all final data and documents required to be generated under this Consent Judgment.
- 44. <u>Certification</u>. Annual reports submitted by Defendants pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be certified substantially as follows:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to be the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete.

45. <u>Informal Meet and Confer Regarding Annual Reports</u>. If Plaintiff has questions regarding information provided in the Annual Report, the Parties agree to

informally meet and confer on a mutually agreed upon schedule in an effort to discuss and resolve any such questions.

VI. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES/COSTS AND ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

- 46. Reimbursement of Litigation Fees and Costs. To effectuate settlement, and without any admission of fact, law, or liability, Defendants agree to reimburse Plaintiff the amount of Nine-Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three-Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$942,325.00) to defray Plaintiff's claimed investigative, expert, consultant, and attorneys' fees and costs incurred for its CWA, RCRA, and Proposition 65 claims through the Effective Date, including costs incurred as a result of investigating the activities at the Facilities, preparing the Notice Letters and Complaints, litigating this matter, and negotiating a resolution of this Action. Such payment shall be made by check or wire transfer payable to "Environmental Advocates" and remitted to the firm within sixty (60) Days after the Effective Date, assuming Defendants' timely receipt of an IRS Form W-9, and any other necessary tax forms from Environmental Advocates. If Environmental Advocates fails to timely provide these tax forms then Defendants' payment obligations will be extended by one day for each additional day until Environmental Advocates provides such information.
- 47. <u>Resolution of Proposition 65 Claims</u>. For purpose of resolving Plaintiff's alleged Proposition 65 claims in this Action, and without any admission of fact, law, or liability, Defendants agree to pay a total of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) as follows:

A. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b),

Defendants agree to pay a total of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00),

which will be allocated in accordance with California Health and Safety

Code section 25249.12(c), (d), with 75% remitted to the California Office of

Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining

25% amount paid to Ecological Rights Foundation. Defendants will provide

these payments in two checks for the following amounts made payable to:

1) OEHHA in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), and 2)

"Ecological Rights Foundation" in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars

(\$5,000.00). These payments are not made under the CWA, RCRA, or any other federal law.

- B. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, sections 3203, subdivision (d) and 3204, Defendants agree to make an Additional Settlement Payment ("ASP"), to Ecological Rights Foundation in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000). This payment is not made under the CWA, RCRA, or any other federal law. Ecological Rights Foundation will utilize the ASP for activities that address the same type of public harm as allegedly caused by Defendants in this action. Specifically, Ecological Rights Foundation shall use the ASP funds for: 1) Dioxins sampling in environmental media and biota in the Humboldt Bay watershed, and 2) Dioxins source identification and control efforts in the Humboldt Bay watershed, including tributaries designated as sources of drinking water. Humboldt Bay is listed under CWA Section 303(d) as impaired for Dioxins contamination based in part on evidence of Dioxins bioaccumulation in edible fish and shellfish. Ecological Rights Foundation's Dioxins sampling and source identification and control work has had and will continue to have a direct and primary beneficial impact on the quality of California's drinking water resources, and the health and wellbeing of residents of the State of California who eat fish and shellfish.
- C. Within forty-five (45) Days of the Effective Date, Defendants shall tender the payments under this Paragraph 47 to OEHHA and Ecological Rights Foundation and provide Plaintiff's counsel with proof of payment. Ecological Rights Foundation shall maintain adequate records to document

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and demonstrate how all ASP funds are spent and will assure that the funds are spent solely for the proper designated purposes set forth above. Ecological Rights Foundation shall provide the California Attorney General, within 30 days of any request, documentary proof demonstrating how such funds have been spent.

Oversight Costs. Defendants shall pay Plaintiff the sum of up to Seventy-48. Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) as payment of oversight costs. Defendants shall make the first payment of \$20,000 by May 1, 2025. Subsequent payments are due in the amounts and on the dates as follows: \$25,000 by January 15, 2026; \$5,000 by November 1, 2026; \$5,000 by May 1, 2027; \$5,000 by November 1, 2027; \$5,000 by May 1, 2028; \$5,000 by November 1, 2028; and \$5,000 by May 1, 2029. Defendants will not have to make one or more of the payments due by January 15, 2026; November 1, 2026; May 1, 2027; November 1, 2027; May 1, 2028; November 1, 2028; and May 1, 2029, delineated above, if, before the relevant payment date, all of the Facilities are terminated and Defendants' actions with regard to remediation for the Crescent City Facility and for the Standard Veneer Facility, as discussed in Paragraphs 27-38, are complete. Defendants shall make payment by check or wire transfer payable to "Environmental Advocates" consistent with payment instructions to be provided by Plaintiff. The amount paid to Plaintiff pursuant to this Paragraph 48 shall be the sole payment made by Defendants to Plaintiff for oversight of this Consent Judgment between the Effective Date and the Termination Date, excepting any fees and cost incurred in any judicial dispute resolution as permitted under the Consent Judgment. Plaintiff otherwise waives and releases any and all claims for oversight costs prior to the Termination Date and covenants not to sue or otherwise pursue any judicial action to recover or seek additional oversight costs.

49. <u>Stipulated Penalties</u>.

A. Defendants shall pay stipulated penalties in accordance with this

Paragraph 49 for any failure to (1) timely submit payment as required under Paragraphs 46 (Fees and Costs), 47 (Proposition 65 Payments), and 48 (Oversight Costs), or (2) timely submit an Annual Report as required under Paragraph 42.

- B. No stipulated penalties shall begin to accrue until five (5) Days after Plaintiff provides Defendants with written notice of a failure to (1) timely submit payment as required under Paragraphs 46 (Fees and Costs), 47 (Proposition 65 Payments), and 48 (Oversight Costs), or (2) timely submit an Annual Report as required under Paragraph 42.
- C. Provided Defendants do not cure their failure to (1) timely submit payment as required under Paragraphs 46 (Fees and Costs), 47 (Proposition 65 Payments), and 48 (Oversight Costs), or (2) timely submit an Annual Report as required under Paragraph 42 within the ten (10) Day time period, stipulated penalties shall accrue at a rate of \$750.00/day for each noncompliance beginning on the sixth (6th) Day after of receipt of the required notice until Defendants cure the noncompliance or Defendants trigger dispute resolution in accordance with Section VIII (DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT).
- D. Following Defendants' curing of any noncompliance, Defendants shall have thirty (30) days to pay any stipulated penalties owed. Any stipulated penalties owed shall be payable to the "Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment" to fund projects addressing pollution caused by persistent organic pollutants, including Dioxins and furans, in the north coast of California, and Defendants shall provide Plaintiffs with proof of such payment within five (5) Days of making the payment.
- E. Should Defendants dispute a claim of non-compliance, and trigger dispute resolution in accordance with Section VIII (DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT), the accrual of stipulated penalties

defined in Section VIII below).

Resolution shall proceed as follows:

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VII. TECHNICAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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relevant issues, such as engineering, chemistry, geology, hydrogeology, or other

pursuant to this Paragraph 49 shall be tolled pending resolution of the Dispute (as

Technical Dispute Resolution shall only apply in those circumstances

Unless the Parties mutually agree otherwise, the Parties shall

If the informal process does not result in a resolution, either Party

where specifically identified in this Consent Judgment, and in any dispute in which the

Parties subsequently agree in writing that a technical dispute should be appropriately

resolved by this Technical Dispute Resolution. In all other circumstances where a

Dispute (as defined in Paragraph 51 below) occurs, the dispute resolution and

enforcement process set forth in Section VIII (DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND

ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT) shall apply. Technical Dispute

schedule an informal meet and confer to occur within ten (10) Days of Plaintiff's

notice of disagreement (or such other date as mutually agreed upon) to discuss the

may trigger a Technical Peer Review Process by providing written notice to the other

Party within seven (7) Days of the conclusion of the informal meet-and-confer process

or an agreement not to meet-and-confer. The Technical Peer Review Process shall be

performed by three consultants, at Defendants' expense, selected as follows: (i) a

consultant selected by Plaintiff; (ii) a consultant selected by Defendants; and (iii) a

consultant mutually selected by the two other consultants (the "Panel"). Defendants'

reasonable market rate for California for the type and scope of work being performed

pursuant to this Consent Judgment. Each consultant on the Panel shall have relevant

experience with Dioxins and shall have an advanced degree reasonably related to the

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similar field. The Panel shall review the Alternative BMP Proposal, calculation and/or application of the Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels or proposed adjusted Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level, Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, or Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan under dispute and shall, by majority vote, either approve, modify, or reject the Alternative BMP Proposal, calculation and/or application of the Facility specific Pollutant Action Levels or proposed adjusted Facility-specific Pollutant Action Level, Draft Standard Veneer Remediation Work Plan, or Draft Crescent City Remediation Work Plan. The decision of the Panel shall be final and is not subject to the dispute resolution provisions in Section VIII of this Consent Judgment. Unless an alternative schedule is mutually agreed by the Parties, the Panel shall provide the Parties with a short, written report supporting their decision within sixty (60) Days of the selection of all three consultants. During the technical review process, the Panel shall be able to request reasonable information from the Parties (provided that information is in the reasonable possession or control of the Party and does not require additional sampling or other field work or seek privileged information) relevant to its analysis. If the Panel requests any such information, the request shall be provided to all Parties and all Parties shall have the opportunity to provide responsive information. The Panel (and the individual panelists) shall not, however, have any ex parte communications with the Parties prior to completing its written report.

VIII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

51. Unless otherwise specifically specified by this Consent Judgment, if a dispute under this Consent Judgment arises or any Party believes that a breach of this Consent Judgment has occurred (collectively, a "Dispute"), prior to the Termination Date, the Party raising the Dispute shall give written notice describing the nature of the Dispute to the other Parties ("Dispute Notice"). Such Dispute Notice must be provided no later than ninety (90) Days after a Party has actual knowledge of the relevant facts

giving rise to the Dispute. If less than ninety (90) Days remain prior to the Termination Date, such Dispute Notice must be provided no later five (5) Days after a Party has actual knowledge of the relevant facts giving rise to the Dispute. Resolution of a particular Dispute, if timely noticed and prosecuted in accordance with the procedure and time schedule set forth in this Paragraph 51, shall, if necessary, extend beyond the Termination Date, but shall not otherwise act to extend the Termination Date for any matter not subject to the particular Dispute.

- (a) Within fourteen (14) Days of delivering the Dispute Notice to the other Parties, or as soon as reasonably achievable thereafter as agreed by the Parties, the Parties shall meet and confer about whether a breach has occurred and, if needed, develop a mutually agreed upon plan, including implementation dates, to resolve the Dispute. Such a plan can include, but is not required to include, an agreement to engage in a mediation process—including retention of a mediator—in an effort to resolve the Dispute. Each Party shall be responsible for its own attorneys' fees and costs during the meet and confer dispute resolution process, except as provided by Paragraph 51(b), below.
- (b) If the Parties fail to timely meet and confer, or the meet-and-confer does not resolve the Dispute, after (i) at least seven (7) Days have passed after the meet-and-confer occurred, or (ii) twenty one (21) Days after delivery of the Dispute Notice to the other Parties, whichever is later, any Party may file a motion with the Court for the limited purposes of enforcement of the terms of this Consent Judgment or resolution of any Dispute otherwise arising under the terms of this Consent Judgment. No Party shall be entitled to file such motion unless it has provided a Dispute Notice and used best efforts to meet and confer in good faith as provided in Paragraph 51(a). In any judicial dispute resolution proceeding between the Parties in connection with this Consent Judgment and consistent with this Paragraph 51(b), the prevailing Party shall be entitled to seek its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in such proceeding

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pursuant to the standards set forth in the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(d); RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6972(e); California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5; and associated applicable case law. When responding to a motion seeking attorneys' fees and/or costs, a Party is not precluded from asking the Court to consider its offers made in an attempt to resolve the Dispute prior to seeking the involvement of the Court consistent with any relevant limitation pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules.

IX. WAIVER, RELEASE, AND COVENANT

52. Plaintiff's Waiver and Release. Upon the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment and through and including the Termination Date (or, as applicable to any Facility, partial termination pursuant to Paragraph 57(A), (B) or (C)), Plaintiff, on its own behalf and on behalf of board members, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, directors, officers, agents, attorneys, representatives, and employees (collectively, the "Plaintiff Releasing Parties"), hereby forever releases and discharges Defendants and each of Defendants' officers, directors, present and former employees, agents, attorneys, consultants, shareholders, members, parents, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, affiliates, and each of their respective heirs, successors, assigns, present and former employees, agents, attorneys, consultants, and other representatives (each a "Released Defendant Party") from and waive all claims in the Action and which arise from or could have arisen from the application of the CWA, RCRA, Proposition 65 (as to the Proposition 65 Noticed Facilities only), or other law to the common nucleus of facts alleged in the Notice Letter and/or Complaint, including, without limitation, all claims for injunctive relief, damages, penalties, fines, sanctions, mitigation, fees (including without limitation, fees of attorneys, experts, and others), costs, expenses or any other sum incurred or claimed or which could have been claimed.

Plaintiff acting on its own behalf and in the public interest releases Defendants from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 up through the Termination Date based

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on discharges or releases of pentachlorophenol, pentachlorophenol and the by-products of pentachlorophenol synthesis (complex mixture), polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD), and Hexachlorodibenzodioxin as set forth in the Notices of Violation. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to discharges or releases from the Crescent City and Standard Veneer facilities as set forth in the Notice(s) of Violation.

- 53. <u>Defendants' Waiver and Release</u>. Upon the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment and through and including the Termination Date, Defendants release the Plaintiff Releasing Parties from and waive all claims in the Action, including without limitation, all claims for fees (including fees of attorneys, experts, and others), costs, expenses or any other sum incurred or claimed, or which could have been claimed in the Action.
- 54. <u>Plaintiff's and Defendants' Covenant Not to Sue</u>. Except for the enforcement of this Consent Judgment, beginning on the Effective Date and terminating on the Termination Date (or, as applicable to any Facility, partial termination pursuant to Paragraph 57(A), (B) or (C) ("Covenant Date")), the Plaintiff Releasing Parties shall not serve any notice of intent to sue nor file any lawsuit against Defendants and/or a Released Defendant Party under any federal, State or local environmental laws in connection with the claims released by the Plaintiff Releasing Parties in this Consent Judgment for any of Defendants' Facilities. Any notice of intent to sue or lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Releasing Parties after the Covenant Date shall not include any such claims occurring in the time period through and including the Covenant Date.
- 55. With respect to the matters released in Paragraphs 52 and 53, the Parties acknowledge that they are familiar with section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and

knowingly waive all provisions of section 1542 of California Civil Code, to the extent applicable. Section 1542 provides as follows:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

The Parties recognize they may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the released claims in Paragraphs 52 and 53, but the Parties will have fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all such claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts.

X. PARTIAL OR FULL TERMINATION

- 56. Except as provided for in this Section X, the Consent Judgment shall terminate on the Termination Date.
- 57. Early Termination for Individual Facilities. Prior to the Termination Date, the requirements of this Consent Judgment shall terminate as to any Facility thirty (30) Days after one or more of the following circumstances described in Paragraphs 57(A), (B), or (C) ("Termination Criteria") occurs, so long as no pre-existing dispute resolution process remains pending under Section VII and/or Section VIII of this Consent Judgment.
- A. Defendants provide written notice to Plaintiff that they have ceased all outdoor storage, cutting, and handling of pentachlorophenol-treated wood poles and TWW at a Facility and, as appropriate, sweep, clean, and power-wash the former Pole Area(s) and the area(s) where the TWW storage bins were located prior to cessation. If Defendants resume outdoor storage of pentachlorophenol-treated wood poles or TWW

at the Facility prior to the Termination Date, the terms of this Consent Judgment shall once again apply to the Facility until the Termination Date or until one or more of the Termination Criteria is met.

- B. Defendants provide written notice to Plaintiff that they have closed the Facility and, as appropriate, sweep, clean, and power-wash the former Pole Area(s) and the area(s) where the TWW storage bins were located prior to closure. If Defendants reopen the Facility prior to the Termination Date, the terms of this Consent Judgment shall once again apply to the Facility until the Termination Date or until one or more of the Termination Criteria is met.
- C. As to any one or more Facilities where Defendants provide Plaintiff with an Annual Report as required by Paragraph 42 that demonstrates that they have: (i) implemented a Source Control BMP, a Treatment/Structural BMP, and/or an Alternative BMP, and (ii) completed two rounds of consecutive stormwater sampling if required under the terms of this Consent Judgment for the Surface Cleaning Source Control BMP (as provided in Paragraph 21(a)(2)), the Infiltration Treatment/Structural BMP (as provided in Paragraph 20(a)(i)(A)), and the Filtration Treatment/Structural BMP (as provided in Paragraph 20(a)(v)(A)) with results demonstrating successful attainment of applicable Pollutant Action Levels (if applicable). However, if Defendants resume storage of pentachlorophenol-treated wood poles or TWW at a Facility for which Defendants have carried out a Source Control BMP, not a Treatment/Structural BMP, prior to the termination Date, the terms of this Consent Judgment shall once again apply to the Facility until the Termination Date or until the Termination Criteria are met.
- 58. Notwithstanding Defendants meeting the Termination Criteria for any Facility or all Facilities, Defendants' obligations with regard to remediation for the Crescent City Facility and for the Standard Veneer Facility, as discussed in Paragraphs

27-38, shall not terminate until Defendants have completed all actions required under those Paragraphs.

59. Early Termination of Consent Judgment. The Consent Judgment shall terminate in its entirety, except as discussed in Paragraph 58 with regard to the remediation obligations of Paragraphs 27-38 for the Crescent City Facility and for the Standard Veneer Facility, which only terminate upon compliance with those obligations, in the event Defendants have (i) met the Early Termination criteria and/or implemented a Source Control BMP, Structural/Treatment BMP, and/or Alternative BMP at each Facility; (ii) completed two rounds of consecutive stormwater sampling with results under Pollutant Action Levels if required under the terms of this Consent Judgment for the Surface Cleaning Source Control BMP (as provided in Paragraph 21(a)(2)), the Infiltration Treatment/Structural BMP (as provided in Paragraph 20(a)(i)(A)), and the Filtration Treatment/Structural BMP (as provided in Paragraph 20(a)(v)(A)); and (iii) submitted an Annual Report, as otherwise required by Paragraph 42, stating that early termination pursuant to this Paragraph is warranted.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

60. No Admission. The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment for the purpose of avoiding continued and costly litigation. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as, and Defendants expressly do not intend to imply, an admission as to any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendants of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law. However, this Paragraph 60 shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligation, responsibilities, and duties of the Parties under this Consent Judgment.

61. Confidential Information.

(a) The Parties recognize that this Consent Judgment requires or contemplates that the Parties will exchange certain information pertaining to the

implementation, compliance with, or oversight of the terms in the Consent Judgment and that is generated in connection with the terms of the Consent Judgment. In accordance with Paragraph 42(e), Defendants shall provide a summary of activities undertaken each year in a non-confidential section of each Annual Report that Plaintiff shall be entitled to use at their discretion. Any other information received by a Party pursuant to this Consent Judgment from another Party, including but not limited to Stormwater Facility Maps and stormwater sampling data, as well as all photographs and video taken by Plaintiff during inspections pursuant to Paragraph 40 shall be considered "Confidential Information" and shall be subject to the limitations in this Paragraph 61.

- (b) Plaintiff may inform their attorneys, consultants, officers, boards of directors, and members whether Defendants' analysis of stormwater samples performed pursuant to this Consent Judgment or any other information indicates that Pollutant levels in stormwater runoff have been reduced to Pollutant Action Levels, Facility-specific Pollutant Action Levels, or Infiltration BMP Pollutant Action Levels. To the extent that Plaintiff communicates this information to its attorneys, consultants, officers, boards of directors, or members, Plaintiff shall remind its attorneys, consultants, officers, Board of Directors, or members that such information is Confidential Information and must be handled in accordance with the requirements of this Paragraph 61.
- (c) In any dispute resolution proceeding, to the extent that Confidential Information is material to the dispute, Plaintiff may provide the Court or Technical Review Panel with the results of Defendants' analysis of stormwater samples performed pursuant to this Consent Judgment. When filing Confidential Information with the Court, Plaintiff shall request leave from the Court to file the Confidential Information under seal and if leave is granted, shall only file this material under seal. If the Court denies leave to file Confidential Information under seal, and further indicates

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it will not admit the information into evidence unless it is publicly filed in a manner that reveals its source, Plaintiff shall be allowed to file this information. When providing Confidential Information to the Technical Review Panel, Plaintiff shall require the Technical Review Panel to manage any such Confidential Information in accordance with this Paragraph 61.

- Plaintiff may provide anonymized sampling information to third (d) parties, provided that use of such data is independent of any claims (or potential claims) against Defendants, and the scope of information disclosed is limited to anonymized sampling data reported in connection with implementation of a Treatment/Structural BMP or an approved Alternative BMP Proposal pursuant to Paragraphs 23-24. In the event Plaintiff intends to provide such data to any third party, or intends to use it in a future judicial proceeding, Plaintiff shall provide a copy of the anonymized information to Defendants seven (7) Days prior to delivering the information to any third party or including the information in a judicial proceeding. In the event that Defendants object to the form or nature of the anonymized information, Plaintiff shall not provide the information to any third-party or include the information in a judicial proceeding until such Dispute is resolved via the dispute resolution process in Section VIII or by Court order. Under no circumstances shall Plaintiff provide non-anonymized sampling information to a third party or use non-anonymized sampling information in any judicial proceeding, except in a proceeding related to enforcement of the Consent Judgment. Should Plaintiff seek to use the information in a judicial proceeding to enforce the Consent Judgment, the information shall be filed under seal.
- (e) The Parties agree that, subject to the exceptions in this Paragraph 61, Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to any other person and only be used by a Party for the purpose of implementing, complying with, or overseeing the terms of this Consent Judgment (which shall include sharing such Confidential

Information with counsel, consultants, experts, laboratories, and contractors, or similar entities, provided that they are acting on behalf of a Party for the purpose of implementing, complying with, or overseeing this Consent Judgment).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall restrict Defendants' right to share its own information as it deems appropriate. The Parties shall (i) keep all Confidential Information, and all information and evaluations derived from such Confidential Information, in confidence using a reasonable degree of care to prevent disclosure to unauthorized third-parties; (ii) limit use of Confidential Information as specified in this Paragraph 61; (iii) only reproduce or disseminate Confidential Information of another Party to the extent necessary and as permitted by this Consent Judgment; and (iv) promptly inform the other Parties, in writing, of any unpermitted release or sharing of or request, including pursuant to judicial process, for the Confidential Information.

- (f) The obligations of confidentiality with respect to Confidential Information shall not apply to any such Confidential Information which (i) is publicly known or later made public through no wrongful or negligent act of the receiving and/or disclosing Party; (ii) is received free of restriction on disclosure from another source having the right to so furnish the Confidential Information; (iii) is used or disclosed in connection with enforcement of this Consent Judgment and subject to a protective order entered by the District Court; (iv) is approved for release in writing by the Parties; or (v) is required to be disclosed by operation of law, subject to notice reasonably prior to the disclosure.
- 62. Force Majeure. No Party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of any of its obligations when a delay of performance or failure to perform is due to a "Force Majeure event." A Force Majeure event is any unforeseeable event or circumstance, which is not caused by a material act or omission of a Party, and which results in any delay in, or total or partial failure of, performance of the affected Party after that Party has exercised due diligence to remedy, avoid, or

limit the impact of the event, including, without limitation, any act of God, war, fire, earthquake, flood, pandemic, weather event, social unrest, health emergency, restraint by court order or public authority, and/or delay caused by a regulatory or government agency for reasons outside the control of a Party. A Force Majeure event does not include normal inclement weather or inability to pay.

- 63. <u>Binding on the Parties</u>. The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be binding on all Parties and their employees, officers, members, shareholders, attorneys, agents, divisions, subsidiaries, parent corporations, affiliates, successors in interest including subsequent purchasers, and assignees.
- 64. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Consent Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts which, taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same document. An executed copy of this Consent Judgment shall be valid as an original.
- 65. <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any one of the provisions of this Consent Judgment is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions shall not be adversely affected.
- 66. <u>Authority to Enter Consent Judgment</u>. The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of its respective Party and have read, understood, and agreed to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.
- 67. <u>Integration</u>. All agreements, covenants, representations, and warranties, express or implied, oral, or written, of the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Consent Judgment are contained herein. This Consent Judgment and the attachments contain all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Parties relating to the matters covered by the Consent Judgment and supersede any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements, negotiations, correspondence, understandings, and communications of the Parties, whether oral or written, respecting the matters covered

by this Consent Judgment. This Consent Judgment may be amended or modified only by a writing signed by the Parties or their authorized representatives.

- 68. <u>Consent Judgment for the Benefit of the Parties</u>. This Consent Judgment and its attachments are made for the sole benefit of the Parties, and no other person or entity shall have any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Consent Judgment, unless otherwise expressly provided for therein.
- 69. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices or documents required or provided for by this Consent Judgment or related thereto that are to be provided to Plaintiff pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be sent by electronic mail transmission to the email addresses listed below (unless electronic mail transmission is infeasible in which case electronic or paper copies shall be hand-delivered or sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows):

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Ecology Law Center
PO Box 1000
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1000
evenson@ecologylaw.com

With copies sent to:

Christopher Sproul and Stuart Wilcox Environmental Advocates 5135 Anza Street San Francisco, California 94121 csproul@enviroadvocates.com wilcox@enviroadvocates.com

Any notices or documents required or provided for by this Consent Judgment or related thereto that are to be provided to Defendants shall be sent by electronic mail transmission to the email addresses listed below (unless electronic mail transmission is infeasible in which case electronic or paper copies shall be hand-delivered or sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows):

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Melissa Thorme Stoel Rives LLP 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1600 Sacramento, CA 95814 Direct: 916-527-6244 Melissa.Thorme@stoel.com

Each Party shall promptly notify the other Parties of any change in the above-listed contact information. Any notice provided under this Consent Judgment shall be deemed received on the day it is emailed if sent by email and received three (3) Days after the date of mailing if sent by United States mail.

- 70. <u>Electronic Signatures</u>. Signatures of the Parties transmitted by facsimile or email shall be deemed binding.
- 71. <u>Court Approval</u>. If for any reason the District Court should decline to approve this Consent Judgment in the form presented, the Parties shall use best efforts to work together to modify the Consent Judgment to address any deficiency or other objection identified by the Court within thirty (30) Days so that it is acceptable to the

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2	Dated:, 2025	By: Christopher Sproul
3		Christopher Sproul
4		Attorney for Plaintiff
5	Dated: January 30, 2025	By: Hunsting
6		Steven Jones Attorney for Defendants
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9	IT IS SO ORDERED	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
10		CALIFORNIA
11	Dated: , 2025	
12	, 2023	Honorable Jon S. Tigar, U.S. District Court
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EXHIBIT A Facilities List 1054 Northcrest Drive, Crescent City, CA 95531 (Crescent City Facility) 300 S. Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097 925 S. Grape Street, Medford, OR 97501 1420 William Hwy, Grants Pass, OR 97527-5556 1284 Tucker Road, Hood River, OR 97301 4025 Old Highway 99 S., Roseburg, OR 97471 416 Oregon Coast Highway, Lincoln City, OR 97367

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EXHIBIT B

Dioxins TEQ Equation, Toxicity Equivalency Factors, and Bioaccumulation Equivalency Factors

Dioxins $TEQ = \Sigma(CXx TEFXx BEFX)$

Great Lakes Water Quality

Initiative Bioaccumulation

Equivalency Factors (BEF) 0.05

0.01

0.4

0.3

0.08

0.1

 $0.\overline{2}$

0.1

0.6

0.9

0.2

0.7

1.6

1.0

0.8

0.01

0.02

Where,

CX = concentration of dioxin or furan congener x

TEFX = TEF for congener x

BEFX = BEF for congener x

Congener

1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD

1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF

1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF

1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD

1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF

1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD

1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF

1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD

1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF

1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD

1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF

2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF

2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF

2,3,7,8-TCDD 2,3,7,8-TCDF

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OCDF

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2005 World Health

Organization (WHO) Toxic

Equivalency Factors (TEF)

0.01

0.01

0.01

0.1

0.1

0.1

0.1

0.1

0.1

0.03

0.1

0.3

0.1

0.0003

0.0003

EXHIBIT C Map of Areas Surrounding Crescent City Facility Subject to Remediation Obligations



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EXHIBIT D

Map of Areas at the Standard Veneer Facility **Subject to Remediation Obligations**



