



WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 P.M. • OPEN SESSION – 6:45 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gregory Young, President
Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
Angela Garcia, Director
Kelvin Moore, Director
Channing Hawkins, Director

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OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer
Roll Call of Board Members

CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (D) of Section 54956.9(B): Number of Cases: Five (5).
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - pursuant to Paragraph one (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Patricia Romero vs. West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVDS2024402.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Paragraph One (1) of Subdivision (d) of the Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Nadia Loukeh. vs West Valley Water District, Case No. CIVSB2116242
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 Titles: Acting General Manager.

ADOPT AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Public communication is the time for anyone to address the Board on any agenda item or anything under the jurisdiction of the District. Also, please remember that no disruptions from the crowd will be tolerated. If someone disrupts the meeting, they will be removed.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Workers Compensation.
2. Updates from ACWA/JPIA conference updates.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Directors, Staff Member, or any member of the public request a specific item(s) be removed for separate action.

Consideration of:

1. Spectrum Fiber Internet Service Upgrade from 200 Mbps to 1 Gbps.
2. Approval of the Purchase and Professional Installation of a New FortiGate 101F Next Generation Firewall with Endpoint Protection, Detection, and Automated Response.
3. Approval of Legal Invoice Payment to Carpenter Rothans Dumont for March 2023 Invoice 3568 for \$544.00.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consideration of:

4. Nitrate Initiative Update.

REPORTS - LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES MAXIMUM (Presentations or handouts must be provided to Board Members in advance of the Board Meeting).

1. **Board Members**
2. **General Manager**
3. **Legal Counsel**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- May 22, 2023 - External Affairs Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- May 23, 2023 - Policy Review & Oversight Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- May 24, 2023 - Executive Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- May 24, 2023 - Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 1, 2023 - Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 12, 2023 - Human Resources Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 13, 2023 - Safety & Technology Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- June 14, 2023 - Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 15, 2023 - Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 20, 2023 - Engineering, Operations, and Planning Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 26, 2023 - External Affairs Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 27, 2023 - Policy Review & Oversight Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 28, 2023 - Executive Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- June 28, 2023 - Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 19-21 - Inland Solar Challenge (Yucaipa Regional Park)
- June 1 - 4 - Fontana Days Carnival (Fontana City Hall)
- June 9 - Colton Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament (Arrowhead Golf Club)
- July 8 - City of Colton's 136th Birthday Celebration (Colton High School)
- August 1 - National Night Out (Fontana) - Miller Park Amphitheater
- August 1 - National Night Out (Rialto)

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- August 11 - BIA Water Conference, Ontario, CA
- August 18 - August 31, 2023 - CSDA Annual Conference, Monterey
- October 22 - October 25, 2023 - CSDA Special District Leadership Academy, Santa Rosa
- November 28 - November 30, 2023 - ACWA Fall Conference, Indian Wells

ADJOURN

DECLARATION OF POSTING:

I declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the West Valley Water District and posted the foregoing Agenda at the District Offices on May 11, 2023.

Elvia Dominguez

Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 18, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: SPECTRUM FIBER INTERNET SERVICE UPGRADE FROM 200 MBPS TO 1 GBPS

BACKGROUND:

West Valley Water District, (“District”), maintains an on-premise Cisco Unified Communications system to provide the phone, voicemail, and other communications services necessary to support business operations. The system uses two Primary Rate Interface (PRI) telecommunications connections which are currently provided by Spectrum. Spectrum also provides the District’s internet service, (200 Mbps bandwidth), as well as several static IP addresses.

DISCUSSION:

At the April 06, 2023 meeting, the Board approved a project to replace the on-premise Cisco Unified Communications system with a FortiVoice Cloud Unified Communications System, which is a hosted system. At the same meeting, the Board also approved a project to replace the District’s back system with a Rubrik R6404S Enterprise Appliance Backup System, which includes a cloud archiving service, (off site backups).

The switch from an on-premise communications system to a hosted system will eliminate the need for the two PRI connections and will increase the bandwidth usage on the internet connection. Staff reached out to Spectrum for a quote to increase the bandwidth from 200 Mbps to 1 Gbps, (5 times more bandwidth). The increased bandwidth will support the additional needs of the new communications system and it will also enhance our ability to complete offsite backups quickly and securely.

The initial quote was \$1,599 per month for the 1 Gbps service. However, after some negotiation, Spectrum agreed to decrease the monthly cost to \$1,499 with a 36-month agreement. The Spectrum Service Order to replace the current 200 Mbps fiber internet service with a 1 Gbps fiber internet service for a service term of 36 months is attached as **Exhibit A**. The Service Order also reflects an extension of the service term for the static IP addresses for 36 months to match the internet service, (there is no change to the monthly cost). The table below summarizes the costs of the current services and the revised services:

	Current	Revised
2 PRI Connections	690.00	-
Telephony Taxes & Fees	244.30	-
Internet - 200 Mbps	1,099.00	-
Internet - 1 Gbps	-	1,499.00
13 Static IP addresses	50.00	50.00
Total Charges	2,083.30	1,549.00
Monthly Savings		534.30
Annual Savings		6,411.60

FISCAL IMPACT:

100-5615-550-5650 Communication Services / Telephone will decrease by approximately \$934 per month, while 100-5640-550-5651 Miscellaneous / High Speed Internet Service will increase by approximately \$400 per month. The net is a \$534 decrease in the total monthly costs, (and \$6,412 annually). Additionally, the 36-month service term will protect the District against rate increases.

Sufficient funding is already included in the FY 2023 budget, although the impact of the change will be minimal since the year is nearly over. The reduced costs will be reflected in the FY 2024 Budget requests.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to execute a service order with Spectrum to upgrade the current 200 Mbps fiber internet service to a 1 Gbps fiber internet connection for a service term of 36 months.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ:js

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Exhibit A - Spectrum Service Order #13695679

MEETING HISTORY:

05/09/23 Safety and Technology Committee REFERRED TO BOARD

EXHIBIT A

SPECTRUM SERVICE ORDER #13695679

SERVICE ORDER

THIS SERVICE ORDER ("Service Order"), is executed and effective upon the date of the signature set forth in the signature block below ("Effective Date") and is by and between Charter Communications Operating, LLC on behalf of those operating subsidiaries providing the Service(s) hereunder ("Spectrum") and Customer (as shown below) and is governed by and subject to the Spectrum Enterprise Commercial Terms of Service posted to the Spectrum Enterprise website, <https://enterprise.spectrum.com/> (or successor url) or, if applicable, an existing services agreement mutually executed by the parties (each, as appropriate, a "Service Agreement"). Except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the Service Agreement shall remain unamended and in full force and effect.

Spectrum Enterprise Contact Information	
Contact: Alexandra Higgins	
Telephone: (760) 641-8599	
Email: alexandra.higgins@charter.com	

Customer Information		
Customer Name WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	Order # 13695679	
Address 855 W BASE LINE RD RIALTO CA 92376		
Telephone (909) 875-1804	Email: jsteph@wwd.org	
Contact Name Jon Stephenson	Telephone (909) 875-1804	Email: jsteph@wwd.org
Billing Address 855 W BASE LINE RD RIALTO CA 92376		


NEW AND REVISED SERVICES AT 855 W Base Line Rd , Rialto CA 92376

Service Description	Order Term	Quantity	Monthly Recurring Charge(s)	Total Monthly Recurring Charge(s)
Fiber Internet 1Gbps	36 Months	1	\$1,499.00	\$1,499.00
Static IP 13	36 Months	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
TOTAL*				\$1,549.00



1. **TOTAL CHARGE(S).** Total Monthly Recurring Charges and Total One-Time Charges are due in accordance with the monthly invoice.
2. **TAXES.** Plus applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges as presented on the respective invoice(s).
3. **SPECIAL TERMS.**

By signing below, the signatory represents they are duly authorized to execute this Service Order.

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

Signature: _____
Jon Stephenson

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 18, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND PROFESSIONAL
INSTALLATION OF A NEW FORTIGATE 101F NEXT GENERATION
FIREWALL WITH ENDPOINT PROTECTION, DETECTION, AND
AUTOMATED RESPONSE

BACKGROUND:

In April 2016, the West Valley Water District, (“District”), implemented a Cisco ASA 5516-X firewall with FirePOWER services to provide network and endpoint security. The current unit is at the end of its anticipated useful life.

DISCUSSION:

As cyber threats continue to evolve and increase, a multi-layered approach, (also referred to as defense in depth), is critical to protecting against cyberattacks. This project focuses on two key components of the District’s cybersecurity portfolio; the network firewall and the Endpoint Protection, Detection, and Automated Response, (“EDR”) solution. The firewall protects the network and EDR protects the devices.

Staff evaluated solutions offered by Barracuda Networks, Cisco, FortiNet, and Palo Alto Networks. Based on those evaluations, staff identified FortiNet’s solutions as the best fit for the District’s needs.

Staff also reviewed and considered the Gartner Magic Quadrant Report for Network Firewalls and the Gartner Magic Quadrant Report for Endpoint Protection Platforms, (“EPP”). The Magic Quadrant reports are not exhaustive analyses of every vendor in a market, but rather focused analyses of the most relevant providers for end-user clients. The vendors are evaluated on criteria to measure their Completeness of Vision and their Ability to Execute, and then categorized into one of the four quadrants. The reports help to provide an understanding of what agencies and digital service providers and their associated technology do.

FortiNet has been recognized as leaders for firewalls for several years running. They have also been recognized as visionaries for EPP’s. This is important because it indicates that they have a strong understanding of the needs of the market and are developing the solutions to meet those needs.

The proposed FortiNet solution includes the following components:

- FortiGate 101F Next Generation Firewall, (“NGFW”)
 - Includes FortiCare 24/7 technical support for 5 years.
 - Includes FortiGuard Enterprise Protection, (NGFW Application Control and IPS, Web Filtering, FortiSandbox Cloud, Antivirus, Mobile Security, IP Reputation & Antibotnet, Antispam, CASB, Industrial Security, Security Rating, Virus Outbreak Protection Service, Content Disarm & Reconstruction, and core FortiCare security services), for 5 years.
 - Includes FortiAnalyzer Cloud, (cloud-Based central logging & analytics), for 5 years.
- FortiEDR Discover, Protect & Respond and Standard Managed Detection and Response, (“MDR”), Cloud Subscription and 24x7 FortiCare for 125 Endpoints for 5 years.
 - Includes FortiCare FortiEDR Best Practice Service for up to 999 Endpoints/users for 1 year.
- FortiGate configuration, setup, security migration from existing system, testing, and training for staff.

Staff prepared and released a Request for Bids, (“RFB”), with the specifications as described above. Four cost proposals were received. The table below shows the vendors and their proposed costs.

Vendor	Proposed Cost
AirGap Labs	95,043.04
Questivity	95,817.48
Vprimetech*	82,054.86
Wisecom**	66,689.58

*Did not include the required installation and configuration services.

**Did not include the required installation and configuration services. Submitted incorrect quantities for both EDR items.

Only AirGap Labs and Questivity submitted acceptable cost proposals. The lowest was AirGap Labs with a cost proposal of \$95,043.04. Although the lowest pricing is important, this project also includes the professional service of installation and configuration. Therefore, an assessment of each vendor’s qualifications was warranted. FortiNet’s Engage Partner Program, (attached as **Exhibit A**), includes 4 distinct designations: Advocate, Select, Advanced, and Expert. There are increasingly stringent business and training requirements that must be met in order to advance through the designations.

AirGap Labs is an Expert Partner, (the highest designation), and Questivity is an Advocate Partner, (the entry level designation). Based on this differentiation, staff identified AirGap Labs as the more qualified and preferred vendor. In addition, AirGap Labs was recently awarded a contract for the purchase and professional implementation of a FortiVoice Cloud Unified Communications System. Some overlap of the two projects is anticipated and having one vendor instead of two different vendors will benefit the District. AirGap Labs’ cost proposal is attached as **Exhibit B**.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Historically, the total costs associated with this project would be considered a capital expenditure. However, that has changed due to Government Accounting Standards Board, (“GASB”), Statement No. 96, which provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for governments.

For accounting purposes, the costs associated with hardware, technical support, and the professional services for the implementation and configuration are considered capital expenditures and amount to \$17,404. Funds are included in the FY 2023 CIP Budget.

The costs associated with subscription-based licensing are considered regular operating expenses. The total for the five (5) year period is \$77,640. That amount will be prepaid and expensed at a monthly rate of \$1,294 per month over the next five (5) fiscal years, (\$15,528 annually). Depending on when the implementation is completed, the expense for the current fiscal year is anticipated to range from \$0 to \$1,294. Sufficient funds are included in the FY 2023 Operating Budget. The ongoing annual costs will be reflected in the FY 2024 and subsequent fiscal year budget requests.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase and professional installation of a new FortiGate 101F Next Generation Firewall with Endpoint Protection, Detection, and Automated Response from AirGap Labs in the amount of \$95,044.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ:js

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Exhibit A - FortiNet Partner Designations
2. Exhibit B - AirGap Labs

MEETING HISTORY:

05/09/23 Safety and Technology Committee REFERRED TO BOARD

EXHIBIT A

FORTINET PARTNER DESIGNATIONS

Engage Partner Program Brochure



ENGAGE. EXPAND. SPECIALIZE.

**Fortinet Engage has a singular goal
for our partners:**

Provide a valuable, flexible platform
to build a profitable and highly-
differentiated security practice
that leverages the industry's best
solutions to drive customer success.



Profitability Through Technology Differentiation

Fortinet's breadth of products are tightly integrated into one highly-automated, high-performing platform that spans endpoint, network, and cloud, and includes tools to easily connect with adjacent technologies.



Business Success with Proven Credibility

Fortinet's innovation superiority with hundreds of patents and industry-leading threat intelligence, alongside our customer ratings and independent analyst reports leadership validates and differentiates your offerings.



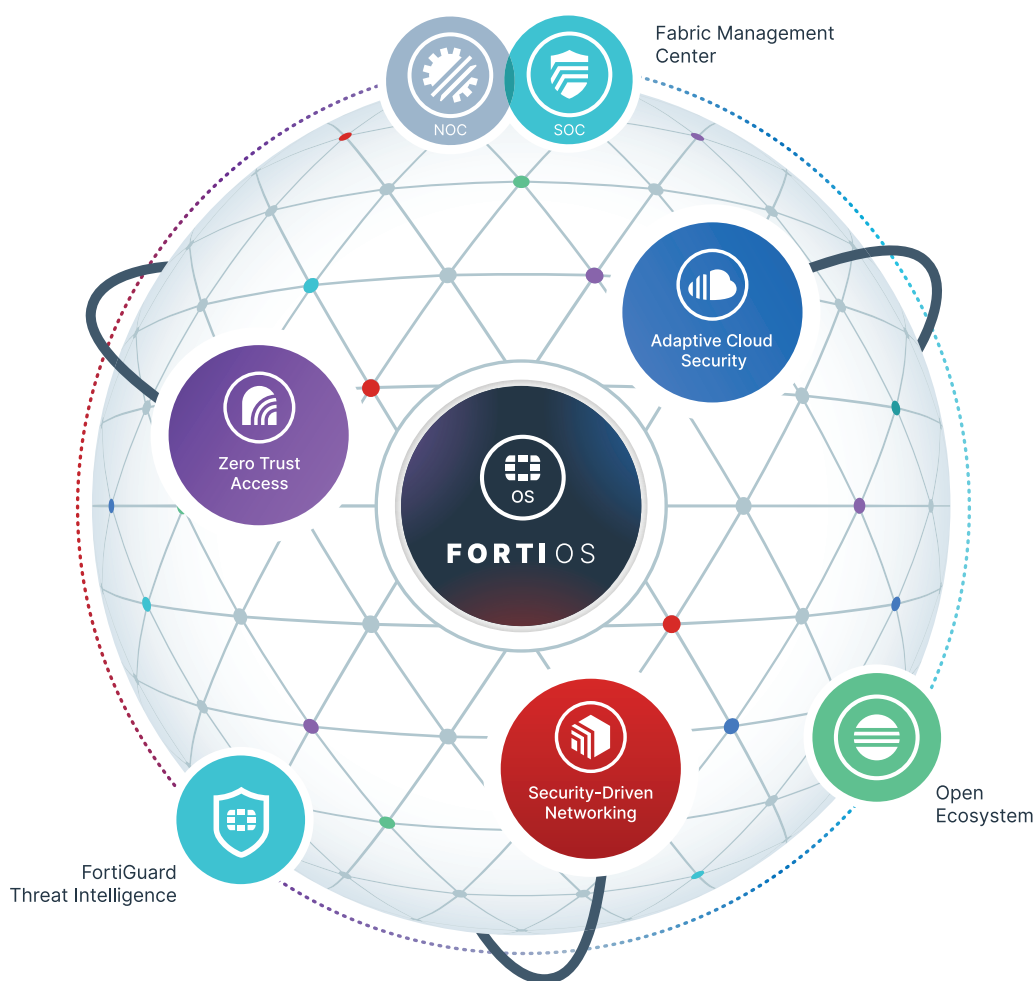
Long-Term, Sustained Growth

We're in this together! We have no direct sales team, and we offer sustained sales, marketing, and executive support so you can grow productive, predictable, and profitable relationships.

Fortinet Security Fabric

The Fortinet Security Fabric platform enables you to create new value as your customers embrace digital transformation for business agility, performance, and simplicity. The Fabric provides true integration and automation across an organization's security infrastructure, delivering unparalleled protection and visibility to every network segment, device, and appliance, whether virtual, in the cloud, or on-premises.

At the same time, it unifies security solutions behind a single pane of glass, makes the growing digital attack surface visible, integrates AI-driven breach prevention, and automates operations, orchestration, and response. The end result is you, the partner, creating a successful business outcome that puts your customers ahead of the competition, securely.



1 ENGAGE

Define your level of engagement: Align our program to your level of experience and the benefits and billings requirements that fit your business.

ADVOCATE

You're interested in starting a relationship with Fortinet. This level has limited requirements and benefits.

SELECT

You're committed to delivering superior security solutions that best fit small-to-medium business security concerns.

ADVANCED

You have proven success delivering the full spectrum of Fortinet's solutions with certified staff to handle various implementation requirements from your customers.

EXPERT

As part of this group of proven Fortinet solution experts, you have demonstrated consistently high revenue and can deliver the full range of Fortinet solutions, with experts on staff to manage complex deployments.

2 EXPAND

Select your business model: We know you transact in different ways, so we've built that flexibility into our program.

INTEGRATOR



You're primarily reselling to customers on-premises, but offer some managed services.

MSSP



Most, if not all, of your billings come from selling managed security services.

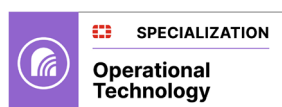
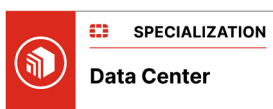
CLOUD



You were born-in-the-cloud or are a cloud-certified partner











3 SPECIALIZE

Differentiate yourself with specializations: In a fast-moving industry, our specializations help you quickly elevate yourself in a crowded field with training, enablement, and targeted solutions so you can expand your capabilities and offerings while driving growth and profitability.



BENEFITS

Integrator

ADVOCATE	 Sales Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorized to Resell Fortinet Solutions • Access to Deal Registration Program and Additional Associated Discounts¹ • Access to Renewal Assets • Eligible for Not for Resale Demo (NFR)¹ • Eligible for FortiRewards Program¹ • Competitive Recommended Discounts²
	 Technical Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet Support Portal Access
	 Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for Joint Marketing Funds¹ • Access to Partner Portal, Webinars, Newsletters
All ADVOCATE Benefits Plus:		
SELECT	 Sales Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for Specialization • Featured on Partner Locator
	 Technical Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Access to Fortinet Support³
	 Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferential Access to Joint Marketing Funds¹
All SELECT Benefits Plus:		
ADVANCED	 Sales Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet Channel Account Manager • Fortinet Channel Marketing Manager • Eligible for Vendor Incentive Program¹
	 Technical Support	
All ADVANCED Benefits Plus:		
EXPERT	 Sales Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Vendor Incentive Program¹
	 Technical Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusive Invitations to Fortinet Technical Events¹ • Eligible for the Fast Track Instructor Development Program

MSSP *all Integrator benefits plus:***Cloud** *all Integrator benefits plus:*

- Exclusive Access to Fortinet MSSP Portfolio

- Ability to purchase VM Solutions via Distribution which can be installed in a Public Cloud (BYOL)
- Authorized to resell Fortinet's published solutions via marketplaces Microsoft Azure, AWS, Google Cloud, Oracle Cloud, AliCloud
- Discounts available:
 - BYOL - per Fortinet Partner level
 - PAYG/SaaS/Custom Private Offer
 - Via CP Programs (such as AWS CPPO/SPPO)

- On-Premises Hardware
- Virtual Machines
- SAAS Solution

- Eligible for Joint Marketing Funds¹

All ADVOCATE Benefits Plus:**All ADVOCATE Benefits Plus:**

- "Sell-To" Specific Discounting (for Internal Needs)¹
- Eligible for Specialization
- Featured on Partner Locator

- Eligible for Specialization
- Featured on Partner Locator

- Direct Access to Fortinet Support³

All SELECT Benefits Plus:**All SELECT Benefits Plus:**

- Free Fortinet Developer Network (FNDN) Yearly Subscription— FNDN Developer Toolkit and FNDN Deploy Toolkit⁴
- Fortinet Channel Account Manager
- Fortinet Channel Marketing Manager
- Eligible for Vendor Incentive Program¹

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- Dedicated Cloud Expert
- FortiCWP license – Free Workload and Storage Guardian 1 year license. A multi-cloud platform that provides visibility into security status of workloads, users and data, compliance reporting and analytics
- Free Fortinet Developer Network (FNDN) Yearly Subscription
 - FNDN Developer Toolkit and FNDN Deploy Toolkit⁴
 - Eligible for the Fast Track Instructor Development Program

All ADVANCED Benefits Plus:




- Access to Vendor Incentive Program¹

- Free Yearly Subscription to: FortiConverter License, a multi-vendor configuration migration tool for building FortiOS configurations
- FortiDeploy License: Enable zero-touch bulk provisioning for your FortiGate, FortiWifi or FortiAP products
- FortiPortal VM License: Virtual machine which includes both wireless and security features of FortiPortal, includes management of 10 FortiGates and 100 FortiAPs. Requires FortiGate as a wireless controller, FortiAnalyzer, and FortiManager
- Eligible for the Fast Track Instructor Development Program

ADVANCED/EXPERT

REQUIREMENTS

Integrator

ADVOCATE	 Business Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet Integrator Questionnaire • Valid Partner Agreement • Primary Business Face-to-Face Selling Model
	 Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 NSE 1, 1 NSE 2
SELECT	 Business Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet Integrator Questionnaire • Valid Partner Agreement • Primary Business Face-to-Face Selling Model • Sales Volume Requirement¹ • Provide Level 1 Support
	 Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 NSE 1, 1 NSE 2, 1 NSE 4
ADVANCED	 Business Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet Integrator Questionnaire • Valid Partner Agreement • Primary Business Face-to-Face Selling Model • Sales Volume Requirement • Sales Forecasting • Lead Follow Up and Reporting • Quarterly Business Plan Review • Hold Co-Marketing End-User Events • Provide Level 1 Support
	 Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 NSE 1, 2 NSE 2, 2 NSE 4, 1 NSE 5 (exam), 1 NSE 7
EXPERT	 Business Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet Integrator Questionnaire • Valid Partner Agreement • Primary Business Face-to-Face Selling Model • Sales Volume Requirement • Sales Forecasting • Lead Follow Up and Reporting • Quarterly Business Plan Review • Hold Co-Marketing End-User Events • Provide Level 2 Support
	 Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 NSE 1, 2 NSE 2, 1 NSE 3, 3 NSE 4, 2 NSE 5 (exams), 2 NSE 6 (unique exams), 1 NSE 7

1. Subject to regional availability. 2. Discount increases with partner level. 3. If compliant with NSE Certification. 4. The Fortinet Developer Network (FNDN) is a subscription-based community built to help administrators/developers enhance and increase the effectiveness of Fortinet products. It can help create applications to interact with Fortinet products like custom web portals, automated deployment and provisioning systems, and scripted tasks.

MSSP

Cloud

- Fortinet MSSP Questionnaire
- Valid Partner Agreement

- Fortinet Cloud Questionnaire
- Valid Partner Agreement
- Existing relationship with cloud service provider

- 1 NSE 1, 1 NSE 2

- 1 Adaptive Cloud Sales Training

- Fortinet MSSP Questionnaire
- Valid Partner Agreement
- Minimum 8x5 Security Operations Center
- Test Lab Environment
- Annual Sell To and Sell Through Revenue¹
- 12-Month Business Plan Review
- POS Reporting
- Annual Support Ticket Review
- Business Review, 3 Months Prior to Contract Renewal

- Fortinet Cloud Questionnaire
- Valid Partner Agreement
- Existing relationship with Microsoft Azure, AWS, Google Cloud, Oracle Cloud, AliCloud
- Sales Volume Requirement and/or Cloud Business Plan¹

- 1 NSE 1, 1 NSE 2, 1 NSE 3, 1 NSE 4, 1 NSE 5 (exam)

- 1 Adaptive Cloud Sales training, 1 NSE 4 certification or FortiGate Essentials training (recommended), 1 NSE 6 certification (NSE 6 AWS or NSE 6 Azure)

- Fortinet MSSP Questionnaire
- Valid Partner Agreement
- Minimum 8x5 Security Operations Center
- Test Lab Environment
- Annual Sell To and Sell Through Revenue¹
- 12 Month Business Plan Review
- POS Reporting
- Annual Support Ticket Review

Business Requirements

- Fortinet Cloud Questionnaire
- Valid Partner Agreement
- Established cloud provider at AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google, OCI, and/or AliCloud with:
 - Managed Partner level
 - or-
 - Certified Cloud Engineer/Architect
- Sales Volume Requirement and/or Cloud Business Plan¹

- 2 NSE 1, 2 NSE 2, 1 NSE 3, 2 NSE 4, 2 NSE 5 (exams), 1 NSE 6 (exam), 1 NSE 7

Training Requirements

- 1 Adaptive Cloud Sales training
- 1 NSE 4 certification or FortiGate Essentials training (recommended)
- 1 NSE 5 exam (FortiSIEM, FortiManager, FortiAnalyzer, FortiEMS recommended)
- 2 NSE 6 exams:
 - 1 NSE 6 – either NSE 6 AWS or 1 NSE 6 Azure
 - 1 additional NSE 6 (FortiMail/FortiWeb recommended)

- Fortinet MSSP Questionnaire
- Valid Partner Agreement
- 24x7 Security Operations Center
- Test Lab Environment
- Annual Sell To and Sell Through Revenue¹
- Certain Percent of Revenue from Services - determined in region
- 12 Month Business Plan Review
- POS Reporting
- Semi-Annual Support Ticket Review

- 2 NSE 1, 2 NSE 2, 1 NSE 3, 4 NSE 4, 3 NSE 5 (exams), 2 NSE 6 (unique exams), 2 NSE 7

ADVANCED/EXPERT

ENGAGE PARTNER SPECIALIZATIONS

Fortinet Partner Specializations designed to help your organization gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become a partner of distinction in one of several high-business demand areas. When individuals from your organization complete the training, your organization becomes eligible for designation. Once Specialized, you will receive a badge, official recognition on the Partner Locator, discounted not-for-resale kits designed for each Specialization, and exclusive access to events. Partners will also gain access to our communities where you can engage, learn, and network with other Fortinet enthusiasts. Each Specialization has customized Sales Training and Technical Exam requirements that must be completed before a partner organization becomes eligible for designation.

BENEFITS



- Specialization Badge and Featured on Partner Locator
- Discounted Specialization-Specific Not for Resale (NFR) Kit
- Access to Communities



- Eligible for 1 Exclusive Accelerate Pass¹









- Eligible for 1 Exclusive Xperts Academy Pass¹
- Eligible for Joint PR Activity

NOTE: Additional Discount¹ for Specialized Partners might be available in your region, please check with your CAM.

1. Subject to regional availability.

REQUIREMENTS

Fortinet Specializations are available to Select and Above Partners who are compliant with the Engage partner program. Designations are given to partner accounts who meet the requirements listed here.

	Sales Training	Technical Exams
 <p>SPECIALIZATION</p> <p>SD-WAN</p>	SD-WAN Sales Training (1)* SD-WAN MSSP Sales Training (1)* * Either or	NSE 7 SD-WAN (1)
 <p>SPECIALIZATION</p> <p>LAN Edge and SD-Branch</p>	Secure Access Sales Training (1)	NSE 7 Secure Access (1)
 <p>SPECIALIZATION</p> <p>Data Center</p>	Data Center Sales Training (1)	Select: NSE 7 (any) (2) Advanced: NSE 7 (any) (3) Expert: NSE 8 (1)
 <p>SPECIALIZATION</p> <p>Adaptive Cloud Security</p>	Dynamic Cloud Sales Training (1)	NSE 4 (1) NSE 7 Cloud (1)
 <p>SPECIALIZATION</p> <p>Zero Trust Access</p>	Zero Trust Sales Training (1)	NSE 5 FortiClient EMS (1) NSE 6 FortiNAC (1) NSE 6 FortiAuthenticator (1)
 <p>SPECIALIZATION</p> <p>Operational Technology</p>	OT Security Training (1)	NSE 7 OT Security (1)
 <p>SPECIALIZATION</p> <p>Security Operations</p>	Security Operations Sales Training (1)	NSE 5 FortiEDR (1) NSE 7 Advanced Analytics (1) NSE 7 FortiSOAR Design and Development (1)



RESOURCES

Partner Portal

<https://partnerportal.fortinet.com>

Website

<https://www.fortinet.com>

NSE Learning Center

<https://partnerportal.fortinet.com/English/?rdir=/training/overview.aspx>

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EXHIBIT B

AIRGAP LABS

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR BID

RFB provided by

West Valley Water District

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Proposal provided by

AirGap Labs LLC

3943 Irvine Boulevard | Suite 662 | Irvine | CA | 92602

For

New Fortinet Router FortiGate-101F & End Point Security Solution

Revision 1.1

May 3, 2023

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May 3, 2023,

Melissa Blount,

We are writing this Proposal in response to the Request for Bid (RFB) for a New Fortinet Router FortiGate-101F & End Point Security Solution that was issued April 6, 2023.

We do understand and acknowledge the services being requested in West Valley Water District's RFB as covered in the Project Description and Scope of Work. The accompanying Proposal will outline the extent to which AirGap Labs LLC can meet these requirements to be broken down as follows:

- Executive Summary
- Vendor Profile
- References
- Scope of Services Provided
- Fees and Pricing
- Additional Provisions
- Supporting Documents

This document constitutes a proposal for a New Fortinet Router FortiGate & End Point Security Solution to be provided by AirGap Labs LLC to the West Valley Water District. This document and proposed pricing will remain valid for 60 days unless mutually agreed upon by both the West Valley Water District and AirGap Labs LLC.

Sincerely,

Milton Yeo

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This Proposal constitutes an offer for the following services and the terms under which AirGap Labs LLC (“AirGap Labs” or “Vendor”) is willing to provide them to West Valley Water District (“Customer” or “Client”).

1 Executive Summary

1.1 Organization Overview

At AirGap Labs LLC we run a client-centric organization focused on digital transformation, fostering client growth, and delivering well architected IT systems. Every decision we make is done so with the end user experience in mind. Since our founding, we believe in doing the job right the first time. When it comes to growing our client base, we rely solely on word of mouth. Because of this we strive to conduct our business with open communication, realistic expectations, and always deliver on our word.

1.2 Our Clients

The following companies are just a handful of the clients we have successfully helped along their path to digital transformation and IT success.



1.3 What Sets Us Apart

1.3.1 Core Competencies

Our first-class engineers specialize in the following areas of IT:



Windows & Linux Server

Design, Deployment, Integration, Implementation, Maintenance



Network & Voice

WAN, LAN, SD-WAN, WiFi, Wiring, UCaaS, CCaaS, Telephony



Collaboration

Office365, Sharepoint, Zoom & Zoom Rooms, Ring Central



Infrastructure & Cloud

AWS, Azure, Google, Oracle, On Premise & Cloud Integration, VMWare, Nutanix, Windows Server



Security

Firewalls, Network Access Management, SIEM, EDR, RansomWare Recovery



IT Operations & Automation

Monitoring, Alerting, Incident Response, Chatbot, Automated Response

1.3.2 SecDevOps

Security is always a priority at AirGap Labs. The days of bolting on a firewall and antivirus at the end of deployment are long gone. We engineer security at the onset. Security is maintained throughout every plan developed, decision made, and process implemented. We utilize principles such as defense in depth, principle of least privilege, and fostering a culture of user awareness to ensure your IT systems are operating at peak performance while remaining secure in today’s ever growing digital frontier.

1.3.3 Partners and Relationships

We work with some of the top firms in the industry to help meet your IT needs.



In the past decade Fortinet has emerged as one of the industry’s leading firms in cybersecurity solutions and services. AirGap Labs LLC is a designated Fortinet Solutions Expert. This is the highest of four levels of partnership through the Fortinet Engage program. Our team of engineers is certified to deploy and manage the most complex customer solutions by Fortinet.



The AirGap Labs LLC team has extensive experience deploying and maintaining Cisco technologies. Milton Yeo, your team’s technical lead, possesses the Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert certification. This certification is held by less than 1% of networking professionals worldwide. This experience lends itself to the deployment, management, and maintenance of a vast array of networking technologies.



1.3.4 Experience with Fortinet Solutions

AirGap Labs LLC has quickly become one of the top providers of Professional Services for Fortinet products in Southern California. In the last year alone we have deployed, integrated, migrated, and maintained over 100 Fortinet solutions across the United States. This includes all models of FortiGate, FortiSwitch, FortiAP, FortiWeb, FortiClient EMS, FortiConverter, FortiSandbox, FortiTransceiver, FortiRecorder, FortiCloud, FortiNAC, FortiFabric, FortiEDR, FortiMail, FortiAnalyzer, FortiDeceptor, FortiExtender, FortiMonitor, and FortiVoice.

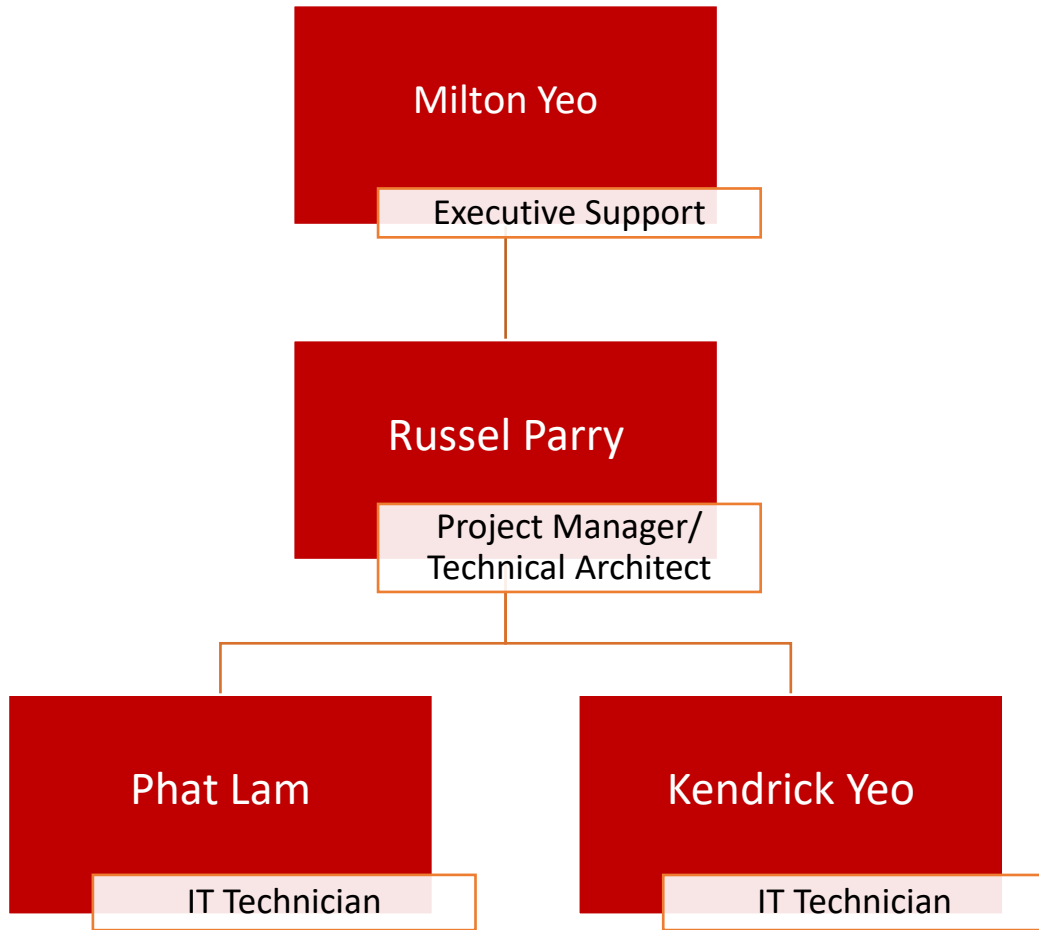
The Fortinet solution with which we have the most experience is the FortiGate line. Our technicians have installed and integrated this with great success among many of our clients. Some of these clients include LBA Realty, Laguna Woods Village, West Coast Dental, International Transport Service, Roth Capital, and Raines Law. We hope you will take our extensive level of FortiGate experience into consideration when making your decision to choose a Professional Services Provider.

2 Vendor Profile

AirGap Labs LLC
Registered in California
Secretary of State Entity Number: 202100510463
Federal Employer ID: 86-1304325

2.1 Professional Services Team

2.1.1 Roles



2.1.2 Qualifications and Certifications

Milton Yeo

Technical Account Manager

Background and Experience	Certifications
<p>Milton’s 37-year career in IT began as a Network Specialist and Network General Sniffer for Rockwell International’s Satellite and Space Systems Division which became Boeing. Since then, he has worked in various engineering and leadership roles for Air Touch Cellular (now Verizon Wireless), Orange Coast DataComm (now AVNet), and VoIP Metrix, just to name a few. He was a founding member at RedRock Communications, a Cisco Premier VAR, which was later acquired by Dyntek. He is a founding member and managing partner at AirGap Labs LLC and has been instrumental in growing the firm from Fortinet Advocate Partner to Fortinet Expert Partner in just two years. Aside from being a verified expert in all Cisco and Fortinet technologies, Milton has extensive experience in unified communication applications, Call/Contact Center Express, VMware, Dynamic MultiPoint VPN, Nortel Contivity VPN, WAN architecture, Aruba controller based wireless, firewall deployment and maintenance, data management and redundancy, VoIP technologies, and IT staff management.</p> <p>For more details, please see Section 7.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCIE Certified Cisco Internetwork Expert – Credential #3959 • ACS Avaya Certified Specialist • RingCentral Partner - Certified Sales Professional • NSE 5 Network Security Analyst • NSE 6 Network Security Specialist – Secure Wireless

Russell Parry

Project Manager/Technical Architect

Background and Experience	Certifications
<p>Russell's education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Network Management from Westwood College and a Master of Business Administration in IT Management from Western Governors University. In addition to his extensive educational background, his career in IT spans 15 years and includes time as a senior network architect, senior cloud architect, enterprise architect, enterprise management, and principal IT architect. His combined experience in management and engineering has gone hand in hand with his focus on IT vision, strategy, and design. Russel is an expert in digital transformation, IT roadmap development, enterprise architecture, solution architecture, IT infrastructure design and implementation, and cloud adoption. He has experience working with VMware, vCenter, vCloud, the entire MS 365 software suite, Palo Alto, NetApp, and Cisco.</p> <p>For more details, please see Section 7.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Security Clearance – Top Secret • Network Systems Specialist/UC Berkeley • Cisco Certified Network Professional (Expired) • Microsoft Certified System Engineer (Expired)

Phat Lam

IT Technician

Background and Experience	Certifications
<p>Phat graduated from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Computer Engineering. His employment as a Network Engineer for AirGap Labs LLC began in January 2022. Phat's work involves client network management with a focus on cyber security. He has experience working with network maintenance and deployment, endpoint security, ticket management and resolution, call center support, wireless LAN security, and threat identification. Applications and services that Phat has worked with during his education and career include CrowdStrike, Fortinet, FortiEDR, the entire MS 365 software suite, Apple iOS, Mac OS, Android, Windows, and Cisco networking appliances.</p> <p>For more details, please see Section 7.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet NSE 4 Network Security Professional • Fortinet NSE 6 Network Security Specialist

Kendrick Yeo
IT Technician

Background and Experience	Certifications
<p>Kendrick began his career in 2016 as an IT Technician for VOIP Metrix. In 2019 he moved to Sovereign Lending Group where he worked as a Level 2 IT Help Desk Technician before joining the AirGap Labs LLC team in 2022. His extensive experience in an IT help desk role involved networking, cable and rack installation, Apple and Windows system deployment, ticket management in an environment averaging 70 tickets per day, software related issues, advanced trouble shooting, VOIP system maintenance and deployment, and call center support. This work has left Kendrick with practical knowledge in the entire MS 365 software suite, Apple iOS, Mac OS, Android, Windows, Fortinet, Active Directory, Genesys phone systems, DataVerify, Jira, Spiceworks, and Cisco networking appliances.</p> <p>For more details, please see Section 7.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortinet NSE 1 - 3 Network Security Associate (expired) • Fortinet NSE 6 Network Security Specialist

2.2 Contact Details

AirGap Labs LLC Contact			
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AirGap Labs LLC Professional Services Team			
AirGap Labs LLC Team Role	Name	Email	Phone
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IT Technician	Phat Lam	plam@airgaplabs.com	657-999-8180 ext. 1021
IT Technician	Kendrick Yeo	kyeo@airgaplabs.com	714-454-4200

3 References

International Transportation Service, LLC		
ITS Location	1281 Pier G Way Long Beach CA 90802-6353	
ITS Team Role	Name	Phone Number
Director of Information Systems Department	George Quintos	562-590-6894
Head of Information Systems	Sanjay Sharma	562-590-6765
<p>ITS is a shipping/Port/Terminal firm operating out of the Port of Long Beach. AirGap Labs LLC's team, consisting of two on-site Field Engineers and multiple remote-hybrid Tier 2/3 Engineers, supports them on a variety of IT needs - e.g., VMWare, VDI, Cisco IOS switches, routers, WLC-based outdoor/indoor Aps, Meraki indoor Aps, Palo Alto firewalls, and FortiGate firewalls.</p>		

Laguna Woods Village		
Laguna Woods Village Location	24351 El Toro Rd Laguna Woods CA 92637	
Laguna Woods Team Role	Name	Phone Number
Director of Information Services	Chuck Holland	949-597-4326
IT Operations Manager	John Kurzet	949-597-4361
<p>We were first contacted by Fortinet when one of their customers was compromised by ransomware on the weekend of Oct. 18, 2020. We then had our first responder make the initial contact and assess the situation and triage with the IR (Incident Response) team. From then on, we work almost 24x7 in multiple shifts to remediate their entire server, storage, and network infrastructure to get them back up and running. After this, they have retained us to support their network, firewall, security protection, EDR and provide our SoC monitoring. We also did a campus wide project to replace and re-do their whole community LAN from Cisco to Fortinet and install HA and a more resiliency FortiGate(s) with SD-WAN. We are currently supporting them in their rollout from an on-prem IP telephony system to a UCaaS/CCaaS system</p>		

LBA Realty / LBA Logistics		
LBA Location	3347 Michelson Drive Suite 200 Irvine CA 92612	
LBA Team Role	Name	Phone Number
Chief Technology Officer	Mark Duffield	949-757-2325
<p>LBA owns and operates close to 7 million sq feet of office space in major financial sectors across the western US. We manage and monitor their building management system and industrial networks. We also provide general IT engineering support and project assistance across LBA's entire technology stack such as infrastructure (server/storage), cloud (AWS/Azure), applications (365/Fortimail) and security (EDR/CrowdStrike). We provide cybersecurity defenses and policies to minimize risk and user visibility.</p>		

4 Professional Services

4.1 Scope of Services

AirGap Labs LLC, a certified reseller and Expert Level Engage Partner of Fortinet, will provide the following solutions as requested by the West Valley Water District. Our team will coordinate remotely with West Valley Water District's on-site IT staff to install, configure, and integrate the following deliverables to provide for a seamless migration from your current networking solution to the new Fortinet networking solution. Our team guarantees the installation and integration of this hardware and services. We will make every effort to accomplish this remotely with the assistance of West Valley Water District on-site staff, as stated in the RFB. Upon completion of the installation and integration, our team will provide the necessary training for the West Valley Water District's IT Staff in the use and maintenance of your new Fortinet hardware.

4.2 Deliverables

4.2.1 Implementation

We will provide remote installation and integration of the following:

- FortiGate 101F Router FG-101F-BDL-811-60 – Hardware and 24/7 support and protection for 5 years
- FortiGate FC-10-F101F-585-02-12 – 5-year term of cloud based central logging and analytics
- FortiEDR FC1-10-FEDR1-349-01-60 – 5-year term of standard managed detection and response for 125 endpoints
- FortiCare-10-EDBPS-310-02-12 – 5-year Best Practice Service for up to 999 Endpoints/Users

4.2.2 Migration and Configuration

We will provide remote migration of the following

- Current Cisco ASA Firewall Solution to
- New Fortinet networking solution as detailed above
- Covering:
 - Address Objects
 - Policies
 - Security Profiles
 - Routing
 - NAT
 - Certificates
 - CPNs
 - LAN/WAN connectivity
 - Patch and Update Database
 - Testing
 - After hours support for any service affecting needs
 - Train Admin on FortiClient functionality
 - Knowledge transfer to Admin upon completion of Professional Services

4.3 Continued Support

The AirGap Labs team will provide remote training to the West Valley Water District's IT Staff. This training will include access to, configuration of, and proper updating of your Fortinet solution.

Fortinet's FortiCare program offers produce replacement, web support, firmware updates, and incident response.

Any additional services you require, as they pertain to your Fortinet networking solution or any other IT needs, can be met through a separate Request with AirGap Labs LLC.

5 Assumptions

Should any of these assumptions change, the activities listed above as well as the level of effort and fees required to complete the work identified in this Statement of Work may require alteration and the issuance of a Change Order.

- Any activities and/or deliverables not specifically identified above will be considered out of scope for this Project (See Change Procedure section of this Proposal under 'Additional Provisions').
- AirGap Labs shall not be responsible for material delays caused by West Valley Water District due to the lack of access, facilities, cooperation, or information requested by AirGap Labs from Customer or material changes to the approach or Services described in this Proposal that are made by Customer (see Delays section of this Proposal under 'Additional Provisions').
- All work will be performed during normal business hours defined as Monday through Friday, 8:00AM – 5:30PM (based on the Customer's primary office time zone) and excluding "AirGap Labs" company holidays. Any work requested outside of normal business hours must be previously arranged and mutually agreed upon.

6 Customer Responsibilities

- Respond to all requests for information and/or documentation and/or furnish requested data relevant to the Project within three (3) business days.
- Provide access to necessary Customer resources, including designated decision makers, to participate in the Project.
- Provide necessary workspace for AirGap Labs resources when on-site. This includes desk, chair, phone, and internet connectivity.
- Assist with project management activities associated with this project where appropriate.
- Ensure resource availability and any documentation necessary to carry out the discovery and solution efforts.
- Provide administrator or superuser logons to host systems, or (alternatively) assign system administrator(s) to perform logon activities on behalf of consultant technical personnel.
- Verify that all servers and/or workstations included in the scope of this activity are fully functional before AirGap Labs personnel begin assessment activities. Fully functional includes operating system(s), database(s), application(s) and network(s) provided or supplied by Customer in connection with this project.

7 Additional Provisions

7.1 Change Management

Any changes and/or modification to this Proposal must be done in writing and approved by both AirGap Labs LLC and the West Valley Water District. Some changes may result in a change to the fees associated with this Proposal. Should the changes result in additional time or materials, AirGap Labs LLC will provide the West Valley Water District with an estimated cost for approval before such costs are incurred.

7.2 Delays

If Customer places a temporary freeze, hold, or pause on the services described in this Proposal for two (2) weeks or more, Customer understands AirGap Labs resources assigned to such Proposal may not be available to complete the services at such time when the freeze hold, or pause is lifted ("Delay"). In the event of a Delay, AirGap Labs will promptly notify Customer and replace such personnel with person(s) with equal qualifications and skills and training to continue such work or to complete the remainder of the applicable Proposal in accordance with any project schedule or timelines in or referenced in the Proposal at no increase in cost or additional charge to Customer.

7.3 Services Completion Acknowledgement

Upon the completion of the agreed upon services, West Valley Water District will provide written acceptance acknowledging satisfactory completion of the services described herein within five (5) business days as requested by AirGap Labs LLC. If West Valley Water District does not respond within five (5) business days, the professional services will be considered accepted.

7.4 Confidentiality

This document is confidential. It may not be copied, in whole or part, circulated or used for any other purpose than that for which it was originally created without the prior written permission of AirGap Labs LLC.

8 Fees and Pricing

8.1 Transitions and Implementation

AirGap Labs will require a minimum of two (2) weeks of lead-time for scheduling any project resources from the Effective Date of this Proposal.

8.2 Cost Matrix

Professional Services Cost Matrix

Description	Quantity	Per Unit Price	Total
FortiGate 101F Router FG-101F-BDL-811-60 – Hardware plus 24/7 FortiCare and FortiGuard Enterprise Protection	1	\$14,747.42	\$14,747.42
FortiCloud FC-10-F101F-585-02-12 - 1 Year Subscription to cloud-based central logging & analytics. Includes all FortiGate log types, IOC services, SOC subscription service, FortiGuard Outbreak Service	5	\$915.37	\$4576.85
FortiEDR FC1-10-FEDR1-349-01-60 - 1 Year Discover, Protect, & Respond Coverage. Includes standard MDR Subscription and 24/7 FortiCare for 25 end points	5	\$12,363.14	\$61,815.70
FortiBPS FC1-10-EDBPS-310-02-12 - 1 Year FortiEDR Best Practice Service for up to 999 Endpoints/Users	1	\$5,590.14	\$5,590.14
Migration from current Cisco ASA Firewall to new Fortinet Solution as outlined in Section 4.2	1	\$7,020.00	\$7,020.00
Sub-total			\$93,750.11
Taxes			\$1,142.93
Shipping			\$150.00
Total			\$95,043.04

8.3 Invoicing

AirGap Labs will provide Professional Services which include the deliverables described in this document for a fixed price exclusive of Taxes as indicated in the Professional Services Cost Matrix but with Net 30 days, pending proper credit approval.

8.4 Travel and Expenses

Travel is not expected for this arrangement. Travel expenses incurred by AirGap Labs for this engagement are not included in the Project Fee Schedule and will be billed as actual without mark up. All travel requirements will be pre-approved by West Valley Water District prior to AirGap Labs incurring any expense. Invoicing may be weekly, but no less than once a month for travel and expenses.

Agreed to and accepted by:

West Valley Water District

AirGap Labs LLC

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____


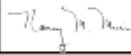
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Date: _____

9 Supporting Documents

9.1 Certificate of Insurance

		CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE		DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 04/17/2023				
<p>THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).</p>								
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INSURED AIRGAP LABS LLC 6 Encina Irvine CA 92620								
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)								
CERTIFICATE HOLDER				CANCELLATION				
West Valley Water District, Attn: Melissa Blount 855 W Baseline Road Rialto CA 92376				SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 				

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9.2 Personnel Resumes

Resumes as follows:

1. Milton Yeo – Technical Account Manager
2. Russel Parry – Project Manager/Technical Architect
3. Phat Lam – IT Technician
4. Kendrick Yeo – IT Technician

Milton Yeo
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Employment

- January 2021 to Present: Airgap Lab LLC
 - Founding Member and Managing Partner
- April 2011 to Present: VoIP Metrix, L.P.
 - Consulting for various clients in banking, insurance and mortgage industries in Data Center technologies, and Unified Communications
- January 2010 to March 2011: HCS Technologies
 - Acting as CTO, Business partner, Lead Engineer and SE (Sales Engineer)
- September 2005 to December 2009: Far West Technologies (FWT)
 - Business partner, brought Cisco practice to Far West Industries as a Cisco Premier partner with Advanced Specialization in UC, Security and Wireless
- 2000 to September 2005: Redrock Communications (acquired by Dyntek)
 - One of founders and partners of Redrock
 - Lead a team of ten engineers between Irvine, Las Vegas, and Phoenix offices
- 1998 to 2000: Orange Coast DataComm. (Acquired by Kent Data Comm., and now AVNet)
 - One of two CCIE(s) at OCD, and lead a team of engineers and provided pre-sales support for all Account Managers
- 1995 to 1998: AirTouch Cellular (now Verizon Wireless)
 - Data Network Group team lead
- 1994 to 1995: Capital Group Companies
 - Member of the server group supporting Novell NetWare
- 1994: Unocal 76 Corporation
 - Member of server group supporting Compaq servers and Network General Sniffer specialist
- 1986 to 1994: Rockwell International (Satellite & Space Systems division, now Boeing)
 - Member of networking group and specialist in Cisco routers and Network General Sniffer troubleshooting

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Certifications & Specialization

- Certified Cisco Internetwork Expert – CCIE #3959
- Specialization in UC, Contact Center, Rich Media Collaboration
- Field Engineer role for SLB based products (like CSS, CSM, ACE), PIX and ASA firewall and VPN(s), WLC-based wireless, NAC, ACS
- Avaya Certified Specialist (ACS) in IP Telephony

Achievements

2013:

Design and implemented Cisco UCS blade system with integration to vmWare vCenter, Nexus 1000V and NetApp for The Irvine Company at their Corporate Data Center.

Perform Unified Communication infrastructure and voice application upgrade and from physical to virtual migration for The Irvine Company's IP Telephony Call Manager, Unity Connection, Emergency Responder (CER), Contact/Call Center Express (UCCX), Presence and Instant Messaging.

Design redundant DMVPN (Dynamic MultiPoint VPN) on carrier AT&T and Cox for The Irvine Company's remote branch locations.

2012:

Design Wide Area Network and add redundancy for Kingston's global network from various locations in Taiwan, China, Ireland, UK and headquarter in Southern California.

Support and implement network redundancy and new installations for Mercury Insurance comprised of diverse manufacturer products such as: Cisco Nexus 7000/5000/2000, CheckPoint firewalls, Nortel Contivity VPN, Aruba controller-based wireless, Websense Web Security and BlueCoat Web Proxy appliance.

Installed and configured spam e-mail filtering with Cisco IronPort Email Gateway for non-profit organization Share OurSelves.

Re-design and implemented changes for SDC Technologies at their global locations in China, Japan, UK and headquarter based in Southern California.

2011:

Deployed new Cisco UCCX (Call/Contact Center Express) and Cisco Unified Call Manager at Greenlight Financial Services.

Design Cisco UCS-based server infrastructure for CashCall's IP Telephony infrastructure comprised of Call Manager and UCCX. Deployed and rolled out upgrade and added redundancy of voicemail and AutoAttendant system for Fresh&Easy Grocery Chain

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2010:

Rolled out Cisco NAC Clean Access 4.7 Layer 3 Out of Band solution for remote sites at a mid-size mortgage company.

Migrated regional bank organization from an HP-based network and Mitel-based phone system to a full Cisco UC voice and Borderless network. The CUCM and Unity Connection 8.0 cluster comprised of multiple server nodes at California and Arizona sites for added site redundancy.

Spearhead HCS certification of Cisco DCNI and DCSN and EMC Partner accreditation. Currently working on VMWare partner credentials and Crestron partnership

2009:

Achieved \$41,000 in monthly revenue with managed service contracts from various customers. Provided 24 x 7 support with technical staff for multiple technologies including firewall, VPN, voice, video, wireless and routing/switching.

2008:





Deployed new Cisco-based LAN and MPLS-based infrastructure at a nationwide credit union. Replaced Avaya Definity PBX at their headquarters and remote branches. Implemented Cisco UC centralized call processing model. Implemented HD video conferencing with Polycom HDX end points and RMX MCU bridge. Relocated their data center and installed new Catalyst 6500(s) and ASA firewalls.

2007:

Successfully deployed DR solution for a large city landowner with the DR site at Tacoma for Call Manager and Unity UM. Required using out of box replication solution such as Double Take to synchronize message store on a partner Exchange cluster.

Migrated health care company from a NEC-based PBX and Zeacom Call Center to full Cisco UC and CCX solution.

Russell Parry

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 Lucas, Texas

SUMMARY

Strategist and leader with a demonstrated history of working in the gaming, defense, aerospace, service provider and banking industries. Skilled in datacenter and enterprise technologies. Strong engineering and architectural background with a focus on IT vision, strategy, and management.

EDUCATION

| Master of Business Administration,
| IT Management
 Western Governors University
 2014 — 2015

| Bachelor of Science,
| Computer Network Management
 Westwood College
 2002 — 2005

SKILLS

| Professional
 Digital Transformation
 Vision & strategy development
 IT Roadmap development
 Enterprise Architecture
 Solution Architecture
 IT Infrastructure Design & Implementation
 Business Continuity
 Disaster Recovery
 Leadership of technical teams
 Mergers & Acquisitions
 Cloud Adoption
 Emerging technologies
 Top Secret Clearance

WORK EXPERIENCE

Principal Architect

The Chickasaw Nation / 2019 – present

Working with leadership to provide vision and strategy to the IT organization. Providing guidance and thought leadership in navigating the technology landscape. Created reference architectures and provided direction on their execution to IT teams.

- Developed a Digital Transformation 5-year roadmap, \$70M capex
- Complete re-architecture of Datacenters, campuses, Metro Fiber Ring, WAN and UC
- Developed a hybrid Cloud onramp strategy
- Member of the leadership team for cultural transformation within the IT organization
- Led the creation and development of the architecture practice

Enterprise Architect – Advisory Transformation Services

VMware / 2018 – 2019

Utilized enterprise architecture principles and practices to guide organizations through the business, information, process, and technology changes necessary to execute their strategies.

- Developed a technology vision and strategy 5-year roadmap for US Strategic Command leadership
- Defined organizational roles, responsibilities and skills required for US Strategic Command adoption of hybrid cloud technologies
- Assisted in ITIL process optimization and cloud automation
- Provided technology and strategy advisory services to US Strategic Command leadership

Global Manager – Enterprise Management

KBR, Inc. / 2012 – 2018

Full life-cycle management of IT transition projects globally, including but not limited to:

- Global Datacenter moves and consolidations - design and implementation
- Application Migrations (Active Directory, Exchange, etc.)
- Major upgrades, updates and IT integration projects
- Merger and acquisition activities
- Supervise and mentor compute, network, DBA, security, voice (UC), architecture and storage teams
- Advisor and direct report to CIO

Russell Parry

SKILLS

| Technical

Cisco - ACI, UC, UCS, Route & Switch
 VMware - vRealize, NSX, vSphere,
 vCenter, vCloud
 Meraki - SD-WAN
 Microsoft - O365, AD, Exchange, Azure
 Palo Alto - NGFW, Prisma
 Storage - Pure, EMC, NetApp
 Compute - HP, Dell, Cisco

MEMBERSHIPS

| Board Member

| Inspired Learning Center
 2018 - present

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Cloud Architect

Comcast / 2011 - 2012

Major contributor to the design and implementation of the cloud infrastructure in support of the IPTV initiative known as "Excalibur" for Comcast Cable.

- Design and buildout of infrastructure for the Content Delivery Network
- Developed a consumer delivery platform for Private Cloud - IaaS and SDN
- Design and buildout of national Datacenter
- Managed a team of direct and contract staff

Vice President – Senior Network Architect

Sunwest Bank / 2008 – 2011

Directed IT resource planning, budgeting and operational initiatives. Held decision-making authority for IT development and expansion. Focused on design, system integration, emerging technologies, enterprise architectures, strategic alliances, data security and regulatory compliance.

- Reduced IT operating cost by 35%
- Migrated all outsourced services to internal services with zero downtime
- Renegotiated all telecommunications and IT vendor contracts
- Led Datacenter consolidation and virtualization effort
- DR Site design and buildout
- Migration from traditional PBX to VoIP
- Supervision and training of less experienced staff members

CERTIFICATIONS

Network Systems Specialist / UC Berkeley

Cisco Certified Network Professional

Microsoft Certified System Engineer

Phat T LAM

NETWORK ENGINEER

Phattlam91@yahoo.com | (626) 320-7859 | San Gabriel, CA

Objective:

Dedicated network engineer with verse knowledge of Fortinet products and software seeking for an opportunity in response to the City of Placentia for IT Managed Services position that will allow me to utilize my current knowledge while gaining valuable experience and expertise in a team-oriented environment.

Education:

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA
Bachelor's Degree – Computer Engineering June 2018

Technical Skills & Software/Hardware:

Active Certifications: NSE 4 & NSE 6: Secured Wireless LAN

In Process of obtaining NSE 5: FortiEDR, NSE 5: FortiManager, & NSE 5: FortiAnalyzer

Software: MS Office, OrCAD (PSPICE), Matlab, Simulink, Visual Studio, Vivado, MPLABX IDE, LabView, Windows, Linux, Ignition 8.1.9,
Hardware: DC/AC power supply, Function Generator, Oscilloscope, Digital & Analog Multimeter, Microcontroller, Microprocessor, FPGA Board, Pickit3, DC Motor with Encoder, Motor Control Driver/Chip, NI MyDAQ, Fortinet Products & Cisco Switches.

Language: English, Cantonese, Mandarin

Interest: Cybersecurity, PEN-Testing, Networking, Computers, Servers, VMware

Working on: FortiVoice Cloud (Configuring and Testing)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

AirGap Labs : Network Engineer

January 2022-Present

- Design and implement network infrastructures
- Troubleshoot and resolve network issues, ensuring optimal network performance
- Maintain network security through implementations of firewall technology (FortiGate)
- Investigate and remediate security alerts through FortiEDR & CrowdStrike
- Creating and troubleshoot VPNs
- Installing switches, firewalls, & servers in Data Centers.
- Configuring FortiSwitch ports, & VLANs
- FortiGate firewall policies and security profiles
- Configuring FortiAPs (profiles, SSIDS, & policies)
- Set up VoIP phones & softphones (Microsoft Teams + Yealink)
 - Call Queue, Auto Attendant, Voicemail, Extensions, DIDs, Licenses, Call Hold, Holiday/Non Business Hours Routing
- Support for new workstations as replacements or for new hires

Acceler8Networks

July 2019-August 2019

- Contract job with Technogent to install VMware and VxBlock with Cisco hardware at Las Vegas Switch data center for Sempra Energy. Reading port maps and installing (Fiber, Cat6) cables, Cisco Layer 2 & 3 switches.

Lead Technician | Peter Auto

Feb 2015 – January 2022 | Rosemead, CA

- Oversee day to day operations by scheduling, processing transactions, and prioritizing customers to achieve a turnover rate of 8-12 vehicles per day with an average of 1.5 hours or less per vehicle
- Conduct detailed automotive inspections, diagnostics, and repairs on Japanese imports including engines, brakes, starters, axles, cooling systems, and other mechanical and electrical systems
- Maintained repair records covering warranties for 150+ vehicles serviced monthly and developed strong relationship with 300+ loyal customers for business growth.

Kendrick Yeo

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Skills & Abilities:

- **Technical:** Managing hardware (Windows PC's, Scanners, Printers), Office 365 applications, Troubleshooting technical issues, User Account Administration (Office 365, Active Directory, Genesys Applications, Encompass, Amazon Workspaces), FortiClient VPN, Endpoint Protection, FortiRecorder, Manage EMS (Enterprise Management Server)
- Guides and documentation on troubleshooting and resolving common issues with system applications
- Interests: Cybersecurity, Networking, Computers, Video Games, Tennis

Experience:

I.T. Help Desk Technician Level 2 at Sovereign Lending Group

May 2019 – Oct 2022

- Troubleshooted problems in Office 365 applications, Encompass, IC applications (Interaction Desktop, IC Business Manager, and SIP Soft Phone), FortiClient VPN, Remote Desktop, Windows PC, Polycom Phones
- Take care of Do Not Call (DNC) requests
- Installed programs and devices that employees needed
- Installed equipment such as monitors, chairs, Polycom phones
- Handle Adds / Moves and Changes in office, Data Center and employee moves
- Managed security surveillance and security footages for HR, and access control / key fob for employees including monitoring and alerts
- Admin level account manage of users/group in cloud-based app and on-prem business systems: Office 365, Active Directory, Genesys-based phone system and Contact Center and other lending apps such as: Encompass, CreditPlus, OptimalBlue, DataVerify, Authorize.net, SocialSurvey
- Helped maintain Data Center and Server Room clean-up, patching, connectivity issues, and other Layer 1 and 2 issues.
- Configure Fortinet-based switches, ports and VLAN(s)

- Troubleshoot WiFi-based issue and SSID for Employees and Guest
- Set up PC workstations, configured polycom phones, set up new hires, keeping inventory
- Helped employees with technological issues that are WFH (Working From Home) and at offices
- Provided technical support for end-user computers (HP) and (Dell), and mobile devices (iPhone/iPad/Samsung Tablets)
- Assisted in the support of all IOS wireless devices

VOIP Metrix

May 2016 – May 2019

- Helped with network setup and cabling
- Assisted with racking and installation of Cisco equipment
- Assisted in telephony deployment of Cisco phones

Tech Staff Student at Northwood High School

Fall 2017 - June 2019

- Troubleshoot computers, network issues, and other technological devices
- Barcode and package books and textbooks for different schools

Education:

Northwood High School

September 2015 - June 2019

Irvine Valley College

June 2016 – December 2019

- CIM 283 – CCNA training (March 2019) *
- CIM 160 – Computer Network Fundamentals (Network+ - March 2019) *

ID Tech

July - August 2017

- Game Programming with Unity & C#, Day Camp

Certification:

Fortinet NSE 3 Network Security Associate



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 WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
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RE: **GUNN, DIANA v. WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**
 CLAIM NO.: UNKNOWN
 DATE OF LOSS: 06/30/2020
 CASE NO.: CIV SB 2117195
 OUR FILE NO: WVWD.1001

BILLING INVOICE SUMMARY

	Current	YTD	FTD
Invoice #	43568		
FEES	\$467.50	\$4,978.50	\$33,941.00
COSTS	\$76.50	\$91.60	\$1,791.75
TOTAL	\$544.00	\$5,070.10	\$35,732.75

TOTAL DUE FOR MARCH 2023:

\$544.00

OK
 5/1/2023



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 18, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Van Jew, Acting General Manager
SUBJECT: NITRATE INITIATIVE UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

At the West Valley Water District's (District) February 2, 2023 Board meeting, the Nitrate Initiative was initially presented to the Board of Directors by one of its members. The discussion included identifying industry issues related to compliance and mandated nitrate testing and a desire to leverage the District's position to work with other agencies to support research on treatment of nitrates in water. It was also reported there were some discussions with Cal Poly Pomona about the possible options of collaboration including 1) funding a research grant in collaboration with other agencies to study new technology to destroy nitrates in a cost-effective manner, or 2) funding grants to area universities for research on treatment of nitrates in water with a possibility of partial ownership of the patent for possible future revenue.

The Board of Directors collectively gave directions to have exploratory discussions with staff on a potential feasibility study, explore possible regional collaborations, and to report back on this item at a future Board meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Over the last few months, staff have been working closely with the Executive Committee to both understand and further develop the Nitrate Initiative. In regard to forming partnerships and garnering support for the Initiative, there have also been a number of exploratory discussions on an elected-to-elected level with various federal, State, and local elected officials as well as, staff-to-staff discussions with local agencies.

The Nitrate Initiative, as currently developed, is as follows:

- Through research and development (R&D), develop a new 5th nitrate treatment method and potentially patent it. The successful new treatment method shall achieve the benchmarks as identified in attached **Exhibit A**.
- Form a coalition/joint powers authority with other interested water agencies which will:
 1. collectively advocate for federal and state funding towards nitrate treatment R&D

2. secure grants towards nitrate treatment R&D
3. direct fund nitrate treatment R&D (in the absence of or as a supplement to grant funding)

A potential R&D project performer has been identified. California Polytechnic University, Pomona has expressed strong interest in participating as the nitrate treatment R&D researcher.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide staff feedback and direction, if any, on the next steps in developing the Nitrate Initiative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Van Jew

Van Jew, Acting General Manager

VJ:jc

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Exhibit A - Benchmarks

EXHIBIT A

Five Benchmarks: Defining What Successful New Nitrate Treatment Technology Looks Like

1. **BIG TARGET:** Reliably treat nitrates to under 5 ppm (preferably to non-detect [<2 ppm]) in more a cost-effective manner than ion exchange technology.
2. % of usable water per gallon treated → **Target 80%**
 - i. Reverse Osmosis recovers 60% of water that's usable. Ion Exchange recovers about 88% of water. Blending recovers 100% of water.
3. % of waste generated per gallon treated → **Target 10%**
 - a. Amount generated vs. cost to dispose.
 - b. Brine line
 - i. Reverse Osmosis generates more than 40% of reject water or brine. Ion Exchange generates about 12% of reject water or brine.
 - c. Sewer or/and landfill
 - i. Bio-remediation generates biomass.
4. Ease of operation.
 - a. Operator hours required to operate should be considered → **Target less than 0.5 FTE**
5. Cost Target to Beat
 - Nitrate at 3-4x the MCL: High levels of nitrate like the Chino Basin that have nitrate 3-4 times the MCL, using RO and/or IX with regeneration system onsite and nearby brine line, the cost is about **\$1200/AF**. IX resins need to be recharged daily per IX vessels.
 - Design of the IX is vital to the cost. Without a regeneration system on site to recharge the resin, having to replace resin daily making this design not feasible at all. \$300K/resin exchange.
 - If there's a regeneration system on site, but no nearby brine line. Having to haul off brine also making this design not desirable. Hauling cost alone is about \$1,250/AF, add in other operating costs total to **\$1,531/AF**.
 - Nitrate closer to MCL: Nitrate Biological system cost about **\$290/AF**.