

*North County  
Habitat Bank*

**MITIGATION CREDIT  
PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

THIS MITIGATION CREDIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_ by and between WESTMARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation ("Seller") and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ ("Buyer").

R E C I T A L S

A. Pursuant to that certain DRAFT Banking Establishment Instrument regarding the Establishment, Operation and Use of the **North County Habitat Bank** (the "BEI"), by and among Westmark Development Corporation; the California Department of Fish and Game ("CDFG"); the United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"); and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACOE") (CDFG, USFWS and USACOE are referred to collectively hereinafter as the "Agencies"). Upon execution of the BEI the Agencies will acknowledge the creation of the North County Habitat Bank (the "Mitigation Bank") and the right of Seller to sell "Mitigation Credits" as provided therein.

B. Buyer desires to mitigate the loss of certain wetland/riparian habitat values on real property located in San Diego County California commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Buyer's Property").

C. In anticipation of execution of the BEI, Buyer has agreed to purchase from Seller, and Seller has agreed to sell to Buyer \_\_\_\_ Wetland Mitigation Credits from the Mitigation Bank on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements and acknowledgments set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Seller and Buyer hereby agree and acknowledge as follows:

1. Purchase Price. The purchase price for the \_\_\_\_ Mitigation Credits shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Upon execution of this Agreement, Buyer has deposited into the Escrow Account established to hold funds until execution of the BEI immediately available funds in the

amount of the Purchase Price. Upon execution of the BEI the Purchase Price will be transferred to Westmark Development Corporation. If the BEI is not executed within one year of the date of this Agreement, the Purchase Price will be made available to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who can elect to expend the Purchase Price to otherwise satisfy the project's mitigation obligation.

3. Acknowledgment of Sale. On the Closing Date, Seller shall deliver a fully executed original of the Acknowledgment of Sale of Mitigation Credits ("Acknowledgment"), a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and such other documents and instruments as may be required by any of the Agencies to evidence and recognize the transfer of the Conveyed Credits to Buyer. Moreover, Seller agrees that to the extent such have not been provided to Buyer at the closing, then if requested by Buyer subsequent to the closing, Seller will provide such documents and instruments as may be required by any of the Agencies to evidence and recognize the transfer of the Conveyed Credits within thirty (30) days following Buyer's request. The provisions of this Paragraph 2 shall survive the closing and termination of this Agreement.

4. Closing. The closing will occur on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_, or such other date to which the Buyer and Seller may mutually agree in writing (the "Closing Date"). The closing shall mean the date that the Purchase Price is delivered to Seller and the fully executed Acknowledgment of Sale of Mitigation Credits is delivered to Buyer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Buyer may accelerate the Closing Date if the BEI is executed.

5. AS-IS Sale. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that: (a) it is the Buyer's sole responsibility to determine the acceptance of the Conveyed Credits by the Agencies as mitigation for impacts to wetland/riparian values, and any completed sale of any Conveyed Credits shall be final; (b) the purchase and sale of the Conveyed Credits shall be made on an "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS" basis as provided for in the MOA; and c) no representations or warranties have been made or are made and no responsibility has been or is assumed by Seller or by any officer, agent, affiliate, attorney, or representative acting or purporting to act on behalf of Seller as to (i) the mitigation value of the property conveyed to the Agencies in establishing the Mitigation Bank; (ii) the mitigation value or mitigation requirements of Buyer's Property, (iii) the acceptance of the Conveyed Credits by the Agencies or any other governmental agency as mitigation for the loss of habitat values associated with Buyer's Property, or (iv) any other fact or circumstances which might affect the Mitigation Bank, the Buyer's Property, or the Conveyed Credits.

6. Termination. Time is of the essence in this Agreement. In the event the closing does not occur by the Closing Date, Seller, at its election, and in its sole and absolute discretion, by written notice to Buyer, may terminate this Agreement and neither party shall have any

further obligations hereunder except as provided in Paragraph 6 below.

7. **Brokers.** Buyer represents to the Seller that it has not had any other contract, agreement or dealings regarding the Conveyed Credits with, nor any communication in connection with the subject matter of this transaction through, any consultant, broker, agent, finder or other person who can claim a right to a consultant fee, commission or finder's fee from the Seller in connection with the sale contemplated herein. In the event that a consultant, broker or finder makes a claim for a consultant fee or commission or finder's fee based upon any such contract, agreement, dealings or communication, the party through whom such claim is made shall be solely responsible for and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party from and against said commission or fee and all costs and expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the other party in defending against such claim. The provisions of this Paragraph 6 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8. **Integration.** Buyer and Seller agree that all negotiations, discussions, understandings and agreements heretofore made between them or their respective agents or representatives are merged in this Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto, and this written Agreement alone fully and completely expresses their agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Buyer and Seller further agree that Buyer has no responsibilities or obligations whatsoever regarding the Conveyed Credits or the MOA except as are expressly stated in this Agreement.

9. **Notices.** All deposits and any notice required or permitted to be made or given under this Agreement shall be made and delivered to the parties at the addresses set forth below each party's respective signature. All notices shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when delivered by courier, when transmitted by facsimile (upon confirmation of successfully completed transmission), or upon the expiration of two (2) business days after the date of deposit of such notice in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid.

10. **Attorneys' Fees.** This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and interpreted as if prepared by both parties hereto. In the event a dispute arises concerning the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, or in the event of any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement, the party not prevailing in such dispute or litigation shall pay any and all costs and expenses incurred by the other party in establishing or defending its rights hereunder, including, without limitation, court costs, expert witness fees, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

11. **Limited Representations and Warranties.** Seller is a limited liability company duly

formed, presently existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of California, is qualified to transact business in the State of California, and has the power and authority to own, and does own, the Mitigation Credits, and the power and authority to consummate the sale of Conveyed Credits as contemplated by this Agreement, and the person executing this Agreement has the full authority to bind Seller. This Agreement and all instruments, including assignment and/or conveyance documents to be executed by Seller in connection herewith are or when delivered to Buyer will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by Seller and will be valid, binding and enforceable obligations of Seller. Neither this Agreement nor any instrument, including assignment and/or conveyance documents to be executed by Seller in connection herewith does now or will hereafter constitute a breach or default or invalidate, make inoperative or interfere with any contract, agreement, right or interest affecting or relating in any manner to the Conveyed Credits. The Conveyed Credits shall be assigned/conveyed to Buyer at the closing free and clear of all liens or other encumbrances of any type, monetary or non-monetary.

12. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed and delivered in any number of identical counterparts, each of which so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

WHEREUPON, this Agreement has been executed as of the date first-above written.

SELLER:

WESTMARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Its: Member

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