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18 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 19 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

20 KELLEY RAJALA,

21 Plaintiff and Counterdefendant,

22 vs.

23 SONOMA COUNTY GO LOCAL  
 24 COOPERATIVE,  
 25 INCORPORATED and SUSTAINING  
 26 TECHNOLOGIES,  
 27 LLC.,

28 Defendants and Counterclaimants.

SONOMA COUNTY GO LOCAL  
 COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED and  
 SUSTAINING TECHNOLOGIES,  
 LLC.

Counterclaimants,

vs.

RAJALA, KELLEY, an individual, and  
 LOCAL WORKS, FLEXIBLE PURPOSE  
 CORPORATION, a California corporation,

Counterclaim Defendants.

CASE NO. 15-CV-00442-JST

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR  
 LITIGATION INVOLVING PATENTS,  
 HIGHLY SENSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL  
 INFORMATION AND/OR TRADE  
 SECRETS

1     **PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

2           Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential,  
3     proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for  
4     any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby  
5     stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties  
6     acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to  
7     discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited  
8     information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The  
9     parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does  
10    not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures  
11    that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court  
12    to file material under seal.

13    **DEFINITIONS**

14           2.1    Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or  
15    items under this Order.

16           2.2    "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is generated,  
17    stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
18    26(c).

19           2.3    Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as  
20    their support staff).

21           2.5    Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it  
22    produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY  
23    CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY"

24           2.6    Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or  
25    manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony,  
26    transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in  
27    this matter.

28           2.7    Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the

1 litigation who (1) has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a  
2 consultant in this action, (2) is not a past or current employee of a Party or of a Party's competitor, and (3)  
3 at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or of a Party's competitor.  
4 This definition includes a professional jury or trial consultant retained in connection with this litigation.

5 2.8 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" Information or Items:  
6 extremely sensitive "Confidential Information or Items," disclosure of which to another Party or Non-  
7 Party would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

8 2.10 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. House Counsel  
9 does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

10 2.11 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity  
11 not named as a Party to this action.

12 2.12 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this action but  
13 are retained to represent or advise a party to this action and have appeared in this action on behalf of that  
14 party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party.

15 2.13 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,  
16 consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

17 2.14 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in  
18 this action.

19 2.15 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g.,  
20 photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or  
21 retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

22 2.16 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
23 "CONFIDENTIAL," or as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."

24 2.17 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing  
25 Party.

26 **3. SCOPE**

27 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as  
28 defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies,

1 excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or  
2 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the protections  
3 conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that is  
4 in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain  
5 after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order,  
6 including  
7 becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the  
8 Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a  
9 source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating  
10 Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

11 **4. DURATION**

12 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order  
13 shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise  
14 directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this  
15 action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all  
16 appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the time limits for filing any  
17 motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

18 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

19 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or Non-  
20 Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such  
21 designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. To the extent it is practical  
22 to do so, the Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents,  
23 items, or oral or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents,  
24 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the  
25 ambit of this Order.

26 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be  
27 clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or  
28 retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties)

1 expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

2 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for  
3 protection do not qualify for protection at all or do not qualify for the level of protection initially asserted,  
4 that Designating Party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken  
5 designation.

6 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g.,  
7 second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery  
8 Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is  
9 disclosed or produced.

10 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

11 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding  
12 transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend  
13 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" to each page that  
14 contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,  
15 the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
16 markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted.

17 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection need not  
18 designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it would like  
19 copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available  
20 for inspection shall be deemed "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." After the  
21 inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must  
22 determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before  
23 producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the appropriate legend  
24 ("CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY") to each page that  
25 contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,  
26 the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
27 markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted.

28 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the Designating

1 Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected  
2 testimony and specify the level of protection being asserted. When it is impractical to identify separately  
3 each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection and it appears that substantial portions of the  
4 testimony may qualify for protection, the Designating Party may invoke on the record (before the  
5 deposition, hearing, or other proceeding is concluded) a right to have up to 30 days to identify the specific  
6 portions of the testimony as to which protection is sought and to specify the level of protection being  
7 asserted. Only those portions of the testimony that are appropriately designated for protection within the  
8 30 days shall be covered by the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order. Alternatively, a Designating  
9 Party may specify, at the deposition or up to 30 days afterwards if that period is properly invoked, that the  
10 entire transcript shall be treated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS'  
11 EYES ONLY."

12 Parties shall give the other parties notice if they reasonably expect a deposition, hearing or  
13 other proceeding to include Protected Material so that the other parties can ensure that only  
14 authorized individuals who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
15 (Exhibit A) are present at those proceedings. The use of a document as an exhibit at a deposition  
16 shall not in any way affect its designation as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
17 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."

18 Transcripts containing Protected Material shall have an obvious legend on the title page that  
19 the transcript contains Protected Material, and the title page shall be followed by a list of all pages  
20 (including line numbers as appropriate) that have been designated as Protected Material and the  
21 level of protection being asserted by the Designating Party. The Designating Party shall inform the  
22 court reporter of these requirements. Any transcript that is prepared before the expiration of a 21-  
23 day period for designation shall be treated during that period as if it had been designated "HIGHLY  
24 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" in its entirety unless otherwise agreed. After the  
25 expiration of that period, the transcript shall be treated only as actually designated.

26 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other tangible  
27 items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in  
28 which the information or item is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –

1 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY". If the Protected Material is produced in an electronic form with a load  
2 file, the Designating Party shall note the degree of confidentiality of the Protected Material in the load file.  
3 If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the  
4 extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s) and specify the level of protection being asserted.

5 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate  
6 qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure  
7 protection under this Order for such material, provided that the Designating Party promptly serves a  
8 written notice upon the Receiving Party upon learning of the inadvertent failure to designate or incorrect  
9 designation, along with a replacement copy of such Disclosure or Discovery Material marked with the  
10 appropriate legend. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable  
11 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

12 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

13 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
14 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality designation  
15 is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant  
16 disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality  
17 designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

18 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process by  
19 providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each challenge.  
20 To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must recite that the  
21 challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of the Protective  
22 Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin the process by  
23 conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14  
24 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its  
25 belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an  
26 opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in  
27 designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to  
28 the next stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or

1 establishes that the Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely  
2 manner.

3           6.3     Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention,  
4 the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Civil Local Rule 7 (and  
5 in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) within 21 days of the initial notice of challenge or  
6 within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and confer process will not resolve their dispute,  
7 whichever is earlier.<sup>1</sup> Each such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration affirming that  
8 the movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph.  
9 Failure by the Designating Party to make such a motion including the required declaration within 21 days  
10 (or 14 days, if applicable) shall automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each challenged  
11 designation. In addition, the Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation  
12 at any time if there is good cause for doing so, including a challenge to the designation of a deposition  
13 transcript or any portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by  
14 a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements  
15 imposed by the preceding paragraph.

16           The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.  
17 Frivolous challenges and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary  
18 expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the  
19 Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to file a motion to retain  
20 confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of  
21 protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the court rules on the  
22 challenge.

## 23     7.     ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

24           7.1     Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or  
25 produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending,  
26 or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of  
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28 <sup>1</sup> Alternative: It may be appropriate in certain circumstances for the parties to agree to shift the burden to move on the Challenging Party after a certain number of challenges are made to avoid an abuse of the process. The burden of persuasion would remain on the Designating Party.



1 persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been terminated, a  
2 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

3 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a  
4 secure manner<sup>2</sup> that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

5 7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the  
6 court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or  
7 item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:

8 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of said  
9 Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
10 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto  
11 as Exhibit A;

12 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving Party to  
13 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment  
14 and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

15 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably  
16 necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
17 (Exhibit A);

18 (d) the court and its personnel;

19 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and Professional Vendors  
20 to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment  
21 and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

22 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary  
23 and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), **unless otherwise**  
24 **agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court.** Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or  
25 exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and  
26 may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order;

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28 <sup>2</sup> It may be appropriate under certain circumstances to require the Receiving Party to store any electronic Protected Material in  
password-protected form.

1 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person  
2 who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

3 (h) those neutrals, arbitrators or mediators chosen by the Parties to attempt to resolve this litigation  
4 and the staff assisting such arbitrators and mediators who have signed the Agreement to Be Bound.

5 7.3 Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" Information  
6 or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a  
7 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
8 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" only to:

9 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of said  
10 Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
11 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto  
12 as Exhibit A;

13 (b) those neutrals, arbitrators or mediators chosen by the Parties to attempt to resolve this  
14 litigation and the staff assisting such arbitrators and mediators who have signed the Agreement to Be  
15 Bound; (c) Experts of the Receiving Party (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
16 litigation, (2) who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), and (3)  
17 as to whom the procedures set forth in paragraph 7.4(a), below, have been followed;

18 (d) the court and its personnel;

19 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, and Professional Vendors  
20 to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment  
21 and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A); and

22 (f) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person  
23 who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

24 7.4 Procedures for Approving or Objecting to Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
25 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" Information or Items to Experts.

26 (a) Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed to in writing by the Designating Party, a Party  
27 that seeks to disclose to an Expert (as defined in this Order) any information or item that has been  
28 designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" pursuant to paragraph 7.3(c)

1 first must make a written request to the Designating Party that (1) identifies the general categories of  
2 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” information that the Receiving Party  
3 seeks permission to disclose to the Expert, (2) sets forth the full name of the Expert and the city and state  
4 of his or her primary residence, (3) attaches a copy of the Expert’s current resume, (4) identifies the  
5 Expert’s current employer(s), (5) identifies each person or entity from whom the Expert has received  
6 compensation or funding for work in his or her areas of expertise or to whom the expert has provided  
7 professional services, including in connection with a litigation, at any time during the preceding five  
8 years,<sup>3</sup> and (6) identifies (by name and number of the case, filing date, and location of court) any litigation  
9 in connection with which the Expert has offered expert testimony, including through a declaration, report,  
10 or testimony at a deposition or trial, during the preceding five years.<sup>4</sup>

11 (b) A Party that makes a request and provides the information specified in the preceding respective  
12 paragraphs may disclose the subject Protected Material to the identified Expert unless, within 14 days of  
13 delivering the request, the Party receives a written objection from the Designating Party. Any such  
14 objection must set forth in detail the grounds on which it is based.

15 (c) A Party that receives a timely written objection must meet and confer with the Designating  
16 Party (through direct voice to voice dialogue) to try to resolve the matter by agreement within seven days  
17 of the written objection. If no agreement is reached, the Party seeking to make the disclosure to the Expert  
18 may file a motion as provided in Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if  
19 applicable) seeking permission from the court to do so. Any such motion must describe the circumstances  
20 with specificity, set forth in detail the reasons why the disclosure to the Expert is reasonably necessary,  
21 assess the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail, and suggest any additional means that could be  
22 used to reduce that risk. In addition, any such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration  
23 describing the parties’ efforts to resolve the matter by agreement (i.e., the extent and the content of the  
24 meet and confer discussions) and setting forth the reasons advanced by the Designating Party for its

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26 <sup>3</sup> If the Expert believes any of this information is subject to a confidentiality obligation to a third-party, then the Expert should  
27 provide whatever information the Expert believes can be disclosed without violating any confidentiality agreements, and the Party  
28 seeking to disclose to the Expert shall be available to meet and confer with the Designating Party regarding any such engagement.

<sup>4</sup> It may be appropriate in certain circumstances to restrict the Expert from undertaking certain limited work prior to the  
termination of the litigation that could foreseeably result in an improper use of the Designating Party’s “HIGHLY  
CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” information.

1 refusal to approve the disclosure.

2 In any such proceeding, the Party opposing disclosure to the Expert shall bear the burden of  
3 proving that the risk of harm that the disclosure would entail (under the safeguards proposed) outweighs  
4 the Receiving Party's need to disclose the Protected Material to its Expert.

5 **8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER**  
6 **LITIGATION**

7 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
8 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY  
9 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" that Party must:

10 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the  
11 subpoena or court order;

12 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other  
13 litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective  
14 Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

15 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating  
16 Party whose Protected Material may be affected.<sup>5</sup>

17 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or  
18 court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
19 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" before a determination by the court from  
20 which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The  
21 Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential  
22 material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving  
23 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

24 **9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS**  
25 **LITIGATION**

26 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this  
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28 <sup>5</sup> The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of this Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its confidentiality interests in the court from which the subpoena or order issued.

1 action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES  
2 ONLY”. Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the  
3 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting  
4 a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

5 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party’s  
6 confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not  
7 to produce the Non-Party’s confidential information, then the Party shall:

8 1. promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or  
9 all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

10 2. promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in  
11 this litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information  
12 requested; and

13 3. make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

14 (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court within 14 days of  
15 receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party’s  
16 confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective  
17 order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to  
18 the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.<sup>6</sup> Absent a court  
19 order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court  
20 of its Protected Material.

21 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

22 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
23 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the  
24 Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized  
25 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform  
26 the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d)

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28 <sup>6</sup> The purpose of this provision is to alert the interested parties to the existence of confidentiality rights of a Non-Party and to afford the Non-Party an opportunity to protect its confidentiality interests in this court.

1 request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is  
2 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED**  
4 **MATERIAL**

5 If a Producing Party inadvertently or mistakenly produces privileged material, such production  
6 shall in no way prejudice or otherwise constitute a waiver of, or estoppels as to, any claim of privilege,  
7 work-product immunity, protection pursuant to the joint-defense or common interest doctrine, or any other  
8 applicable privilege for the inadvertently produced document or any other document covering the same or  
9 a similar subject matter under applicable law, including Federal Rule of Evidence 502. When a Producing  
10 Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of  
11 privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of  
12 Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be  
13 established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to  
14 Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of  
15 disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product  
16 protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted to the  
17 court.

18 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

19 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its  
20 modification by the court in the future.

21 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no  
22 Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or  
23 item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right  
24 to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

25 12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party or a  
26 court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the public  
27 record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material  
28 must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a

1 court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule  
2 79-5, a sealing order will issue only upon a request establishing that the Protected Material at issue is  
3 privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the law. If a Receiving  
4 Party's request to file Protected Material under seal pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e) is denied by the  
5 court, then the Receiving Party may file the Protected Material in the public record pursuant to Civil Local  
6 Rule 79-5(e)(2) unless otherwise instructed by the court.

7 12.4 Use at Trial or Hearing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, if the need  
8 arises during trial or at any hearing before the court for any Party to disclose Protected Material, the  
9 Parties shall confer and attempt to agree before any court trial or hearing regarding the procedures for  
10 which Protected Material may be used or introduced into evidence at such trial or hearing. Upon reaching  
11 agreement, the Parties shall give notice of the terms of such agreement to each third party producing  
12 Protected Material which may be used or introduced at such trial or hearing. Because it would affect the  
13 public availability of material used at a trial or hearing, any such agreement will be effective only upon  
14 court approval. Absent agreement by the Parties, any Party upon reasonable notice to the Designating  
15 Party may move the court to issue an order governing the use of Protected Material at a trial or hearing.

16 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

17 Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party, within 60 days after  
18 the final disposition of this action, as defined in paragraph 4, each Receiving Party must return all  
19 Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all  
20 Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format  
21 reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or  
22 destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the  
23 same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60-day deadline that (1) identifies (by category,  
24 where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the  
25 Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format  
26 reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are  
27 entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts,  
28 legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and

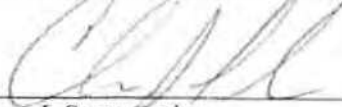
1 consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival  
2 copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in  
3 Section 4 (DURATION).

4 The Court shall retain jurisdiction following termination of this action for the purpose of enforcing  
5 any provisions of this Order.

6 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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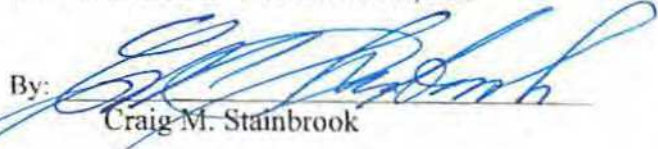
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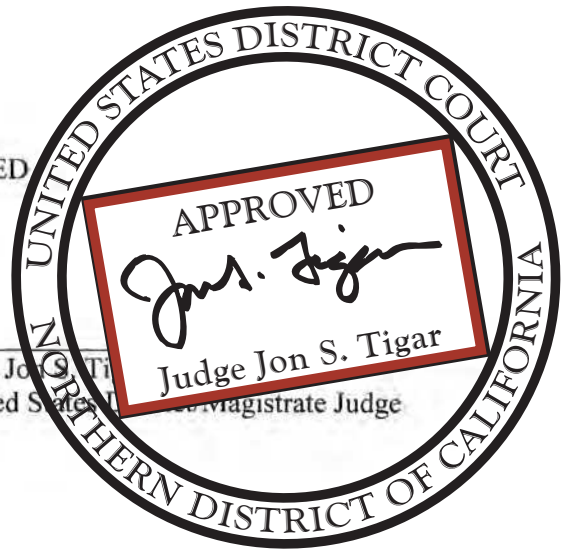


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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: October 13, 2015

Hon. Jon S. Tigar  
United States District Court  
Magistrate Judge



1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or  
4 type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the  
5 Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of  
6 California on [date] in the case of *Kelley Rajala vs. Sonoma County Go Local Cooperative, Incorporated*  
7 *and Sustaining Technologies, LLC* and related counterclaim of *Sonoma County Go Local Cooperative,*  
8 *Incorporated and Sustaining Technologies, LLC vs. Rajala, Kelley and Local Works, Flexible Purpose*  
9 *Corporation*, Case No. 15-CV-442-JST. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this  
10 Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me  
11 to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any  
12 manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity  
13 except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

14 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern  
15 District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if  
16 such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

17 I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my  
19 California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to  
20 enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

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22 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

23 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

24 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
25 [printed name]

26 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
27 [signature]

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