

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

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This Addendum is intended for use in the City of El Cerrito. Buyers and Sellers should carefully review the **Contra Costa County Disclosures & Disclaimers Advisory** for information about the City of El Cerrito, Contra Costa County, and other important issues. Please also review the separate Contra Costa County or city specific Ordinances and Regulations for property in the area you are either selling or buying. Disclosure documents and forms may contain references, including web site addresses and internet links (hyper-links), to additional important material that is not printed on the document itself. Buyers and Sellers should investigate those links if they are not entirely satisfied with the document as it is presented to them.

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This is an Addendum to that Purchase Agreement dated _____ by and between _____ (Seller) and _____ (Buyer) for that Property commonly known as _____, CA. (the Property) which is within the _____ Sanitary District.

Buyers & Sellers should verify the Sanitary District in which the property is located. Except as specified herein, all other terms and conditions remain unchanged. If the Property is located within an HOA, both Buyer and Seller are strongly encouraged to contact the HOA to determine whether the individual homeowner or the HOA is responsible for maintenance of the Private Sewer Lateral lines within the development.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ADDENDUM, “COST OF COMPLIANCE” SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ANY AND ALL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS, REPORTS, REVIEWS, FEES, PERMITS AND REPAIRS.

CITY OF EL CERRITO

PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL COMPLIANCE: The East Bay Municipal Utility District (“EBMUD”) and Stege Sanitary District require property owners in El Cerrito to obtain a compliance certificate that shows their private sewer laterals (“PSL’s”) are without defects and have proper connections. The ordinance requires property owners to test and, if needed, repair or replace their private sewer laterals when selling their property, as one or both Districts may apply it is recommended to contact Districts for more information. (For further details, see the Contra Costa County Disclosure and Disclaimers Advisory)

An inspection report:

- has been provided to Buyer
- has not been provided to Buyer

A. Property **Exempt:** Seller states that the Property is EXEMPT because PSL on the affected Property meets requirements set forth by EBMUD and Seller has/will provide(d) evidence to Buyer, prior to final verification of condition.

B. Property **Not Exempt:** the following Party shall be responsible for compliance (Check One)

1. **In Compliance:** Seller shall provide Buyer with a Certificate of Compliance, prior to final verification of condition.

2. **Compliance Prior to Close of Escrow:** Seller shall complete all required inspections and required repairs, and provide Buyer with a Certificate of Compliance, prior to final verification of condition.

3. **Compliance After Close of Escrow:** If Compliance is to take place after Close of Escrow, then check either Seller or Buyer in each of the four paragraphs below that apply:

a. Seller Buyer (*check one*) agrees to be responsible for obtaining the Certificate of Compliance within the time frame specifically set by the District, prior to Close of Escrow and agrees, if needed, to promptly upon Acceptance of the Purchase Agreement to apply for a Time Extension Certificate, which they shall deliver to escrow prior to final verification of condition.

b. Seller Buyer (*check one*) shall be responsible to pay the required EBMUD fee for this extension.

c. Seller Buyer (*check one*) shall be responsible to post the deposit into escrow as is required by EBMUD for any Time Extension for compliance prior to the final verification of condition. *Note: If the Certificate of Completion is not obtained within the time frame specifically set by the District after the Close of Escrow, this deposit may be subject to forfeit and the property owner may be subject to enforcement action by EBMUD.*

d. Seller Buyer (*check one*) to receive a refund of the deposit, if any, once Certificate of Compliance is obtained.

C. CONDOMINIUMS: Condominiums are also required to comply with the private sewer lateral program. Condominiums and other Common Interest Developments with a Homeowners’ Association (“HOA”) were generally excluded from bringing PSLs into compliance, whether using individual or shared sewer laterals, and had until July 12, 2021 to comply BUT ONLY if the HOA was built before July 12, 2019 and the HOA is legally responsible for maintaining the sewer laterals (the HOA has not filed an appropriate notification of non-responsibility). HOAs built after July 12, 2019, have a 24-month deferral period from date of completion to be in compliance, there are several exceptions. Brokers have no expertise on this topic.

Generally, the HOA is responsible for the PSL compliance, if it is not then Seller Buyer (*check one*) shall be responsible.

California Law requires owners of single-family residential property built before 1994 to install water conserving plumbing fixtures by 2017. Additionally, if any such Property is altered or improved, then water conserving plumbing fixtures must be installed as a condition of final permit approval (Cal. Civil Code Section 1101.4). Although California law does not make compliance with this statute a point of sale requirement (condition of sale), this Addendum shall establish which of the undersigned Parties is responsible for compliance with this law.

A. Seller Responsible: Seller either (a) has complied with retrofitting the Property with compliant water conserving plumbing fixtures; or (b) prior to the close of escrow, shall pay for the retrofit of all non-compliant water conserving plumbing fixtures with compliant fixtures of quality comparable to existing fixtures.

B. Buyer Responsible: Buyer shall be responsible and pay for all expenses in retrofitting all non-compliant water conserving plumbing fixtures with compliant fixtures after the Close of Escrow, or as specified in the Permit Work paragraph below.

POOL/SPA SAFETY DEVICES

To prevent drowning of children four (4) years of age and under, California law requires owners of single-family residential property with a pool and/or spa to install at least 2 of 7 safety devices. Home inspection reports used in the sale of single family residence must disclose if the Property has any pool and/or spa safety devices. If the Property is altered or improved, then at least two (2) safety devices must be installed as a condition for final permit approval (Cal. Health & Safety Code Section 115925). Although California law does not make compliance with this statute a point of sale requirement (condition of sale), this Addendum shall establish which of the undersigned Parties is responsible for compliance with this law.

A. Seller Responsible: Seller either (a) has complied with retrofitting the Property with at least two (2) drowning prevention devices; or (b) prior to the Close of Escrow, shall pay for and retrofit the Property with two (2) drowning prevention devices as required by state law.

B. Buyer Responsible: Buyer shall be responsible and pay for all expense in retrofitting the Property with two (2) drowning prevention devices as required by state law after the Close of Escrow, or as specified in the Permit Work paragraph below.

PERMIT WORK PRIOR TO CLOSE OF ESCROW

The Parties understand, acknowledge and agree that, in the event there is an agreement that the Seller will perform any repairs prior to the Close of Escrow that constitute alterations or improvements at the Property will require the issuance and finalization of a permit, the governing agency will require that the Property be retrofitted with compliant water conserving plumbing fixtures as a condition of finalizing the permit and/or at least two (2) drowning prevention devices; in the event, **the Party designated above shall be responsible for the expense of such retrofitting regardless of who is paying for the work necessitating the permit.**

NOTE: (a) the interpretation as to what constitutes an alteration or improvement may differ in different jurisdictions and (b) real estate licensees cannot predict what interpretation will be used at any point in time by any permit issuing entity.

Other ordinances: Jurisdictions have ordinances that may affect the use, value or enjoyment of your Property. You are advised to visit the appropriate website or offices of the appropriate jurisdiction to determine whether the Property is in an area regulated by such ordinances.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Stege Sanitary District: <http://www.stegesan.org/>, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito CA 94530 Tel: 510/524-4668

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD): <http://www.ebmud.com> Tel: 866-403-2683

THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ABOVE AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ALL FOUR (4) PAGES OF THIS DOCUMENT.

This document may be signed in counterparts.

Buyer

Dated: _____

Buyer

Dated: _____

Seller

Dated: _____

Seller

Dated: _____