# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CERTNA AND MENDOCINO COUNTY FOR G2G ELECTRONIC RECORDATION IMPLEMENTATION 

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter, this "MOU") is made and executed as of this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ , 2021, by and between the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority, a California joint powers authority ("CERTNA"), and the COUNTY OF MENDOCINO ("COUNTY").

## RECITALS

CERTNA has developed and implemented a Government to Government electronic recordation system pursuant to Government Code section 27279 (the "CERTNA G2G System"), and has entered into contracts with various California state agencies to implement the CERTNA G2G System. The CERTNA G2G System permits California state agencies to record electronically various documents with participating California counties. COUNTY seeks to participate in the CERTNA G2G System. The rights and responsibilities established by this MOU are intended to assure the continuing security and lawful operation of the CERTNA G2G System under Government Code section 27279.

## AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, CERTNA and COUNTY hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I -- DEFINITIONS

As used in this MOU, the term "INSTRUMENT" has the meaning given in Government Code Section 27279.

## ARTICLE II - GENERAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. COUNTY agrees to become a voluntary participant in the CERTNA G2G System.
B. COUNTY is under no obligation to pay any monies to CERTNA or any state agency for participation in the CERTNA G2G System.
C. CERTNA shall install at RECORDER's facilities the necessary software for RECORDER's access to the CERTNA G2G System. RECORDER shall provide appropriate hardware and other software that may be necessary for connection to the CERTNA G2G System. CERTNA and RECORDER shall work together to test the installation to ensure that the installation is functional and is protected by applicable security systems.
D. CERTNA retains ownership of the CERTNA G2G System software and is responsible for any modifications, upgrades, or enhancements of the CERTNA G2G System software. CERTNA has final authority on the functionality, enhancements, or upgrades of the CERTNA G2G System software.
E. RECORDER is expressly prohibited from making any software/hardware modification to the CERTNA G2G System without written consent of CERTNA.
F. CERTNA or COUNTY or any state agency that is part of the CERTNA G2G System may terminate access to the CERTNA G2G System, or any part thereof, or may terminate access of any authorized staff, at any time it deems it necessary to protect the CERTNA G2G System, to protect the public interest, to protect the integrity of public records, or to protect homeowners or real property owners from financial harm. No cause of action or liability against COUNTY, RECORDER or CERTNA or any government agency shall arise from any decision of COUNTY, RECORDER or CERTNA or any government agency to terminate or deny access of any person or entity to the CERTNA G2G System.
G. Access to the CERTNA G2G System software, scan, and transmission process shall be governed by an authentication system approved by CERTNA and RECORDER. All administrative access to the authentication system shall be restricted to RECORDER employees and CERTNA employees and appropriate state agency employees. RECORDER shall delete or modify security access for those individuals who leave its employ.
H. RECORDER shall provide CERTNA with physical access at the COUNTY Recorder's office during normal business hours to all of RECORDER's hardware and software interacting with the CERTNA G2G System.

## ARTICLE III - TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A. RECORDER shall accept digitized images or digital images of recordable INSTRUMENTS sent via the CERTNA G2G System in conformance with Government Code section 27279.

## ARTICLE IV - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. In the performance of this MOU, CERTNA and COUNTY shall each act in an independent capacity and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the other.
B. COUNTY shall not enter into any subcontract for services covered by this MOU without first obtaining written approval from CERTNA. Any subcontract shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as this MOU.
C. This MOU shall not be assigned by any party without the written consent of the other party.
D. This MOU is intended by the parties hereto as a final expression of their understanding with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous MOUs or understandings or contracts. This MOU may be changed or modified only upon the written consent of the parties hereto. Any alteration, variation, modification, amendment or waiver of the provisions of this MOU shall be valid only when reduced to writing and signed by the parties hereto.
E. In the event of a problem or potential problem that could impact the quality or quantity of work, services, or the level of performance under this MOU, the party with knowledge of the problem shall notify the other party as soon as possible in writing and by telephone.
F. This MOU shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.
G. COUNTY and CERTNA each have the absolute right to review and audit any aspect of the CERTNA G2G System, security, all related records, books, papers, documents, and other pertinent items as requested. Each party shall provide full cooperation to the other party in any auditing or monitoring conducted. All records pertaining to services under this MOU shall be available for examination and audit by COUNTY and CERTNA representatives for a period of one year.
H. COUNTY agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless CERTNA, its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising from COUNTY's acts, errors or omissions in performing this MOU and for any costs or expenses incurred by CERTNA on account of any claim based on COUNTY's acts, errors or omissions arising out of its performance of this MOU, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. CERTNA agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless RECORDER and COUNTY, its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising from CERTNA's acts, errors or omissions in performing this MOU and for any costs or expenses incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim therefore based on CERTNA's acts, errors or omissions arising out of its performance of this MOU, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law.

## ARTICLE VI - NOTICES AND REPORTS

Any notice or report desired to be served by either party upon the other shall be addressed, personally delivered, or mailed to the respective parties as set forth below:

Brett Zamora<br>Interim Executive Director CERTNA 1115 Truxtun Ave. $3^{\text {rd }}$ Floor Bakersfield, CA 93301

Either party hereto may at any time, by giving ten (10) days written notice to the other party, designate any other contact party, address or facsimile number in substitution of the contact party, address or facsimile number to which such notice or communication shall be given.

## ARTICLE VII - TERM AND TERMINATION

A. This MOU shall take effect as of the date first set forth above and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated hereunder.
B. Either party may terminate this MOU for any reason by serving the other party with prior written notice of at least thirty (30) business days.
C. Upon termination, all CERTNA G2G System software and/or equipment owned by CERTNA or COUNTY must be returned to its owner within thirty (30) days of termination.
D. In addition to other termination provisions contained herein, in the event that either party determines that the other party's performance of its duties or other terms of this MOU are deficient in any manner, notice of such deficiency shall be sent in writing. Any deficiency shall be remedied within five business days of such notification, or the other party may, at its option, terminate this MOU immediately upon written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the day and year first above written.

Name: Brett Zamora
Title: Interim Executive Director
By: $\qquad$

CERTNA

COUNTY

By : $\qquad$
Name: $\qquad$
Title: $\qquad$

