

LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration

1. Effective Date of Registration Jan 02, 2008

2. House Identification Number _____

Senate Identification Number 40002018-48

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant Name: MERIDIAN GROWTH STRATEGIES, LLC
Address: 1153 State Route 3N Suite 80
City: Gambrills State: MD Zip: 21054

4. Principal place of business (if different from line 3):

5. Telephone number and contact name:
2027142822 Contact: TIMOTHY A CANSLER
E-mail(optional): tim.cansler@meridiangrowth.net

6. General description of registrant's business or activities:
Consulting and lobbying

CLIENT

A Lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the box labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.

Self

7. Client name: COUNTY OF MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA
Address: 1428 ABBOTT STREET
City: SALINAS State: CA Zip: 93901

8. Principal place of business (if different from line 7):

9. General description of client's business or activities:
County Government

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person listed in this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first acting as a lobbyist for the client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name: CANSLER, TIMOTHY
Covered Official Position (if applicable): ASSISTANT TO UNDERSECRETARY, USDA

LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-1, page 1:

AGR BUD

12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated):

Pest and disease Detection and Surveillance. Appropriations for CA Pest Detection and Import Inspection programs.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semi-annual period **and** 13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semi-annual period in whole or in major part plans, supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

Registrant Name: MERIDIAN GROWTH STRATEGIES, LLC Client Name: COUNTY OF MONTEREY,
CALIFORNIA

No, then go to line 14.

Yes, then complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or subsidizes activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome of the lobbying activity?

No, then sign and date the registration.

Yes, then complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then sign and date the registration.

Signature: ON FILE Date: Jan 03, 2008

Printed Name and Title: TIMOTHY A CANSLER, PRESIDENT AND CEO -