

Resolution No.

# STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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## **A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER CONTROL FACILITY MODIFICATIONS PROJECT, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT, AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**

The City commissioned preparation of the Capital Improvements and Energy Management Plan (CIEMP) in 2010 to provide a strategy for planning and implementing improvement projects at the RWCF; and

The CIEMP, released in August 2011, identified and prioritized improvements needed at the RWCF through the year 2035, named energy development projects to reduce energy costs and provide reliable renewable energy alternatives, and estimated costs for each recommended component, and

The project was placed on hold in 2013 while the City negotiated an exit from bankruptcy; and

In 2014, a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit was issued to the City's Regional Wastewater Control Facility (RWCF). The permit requires lower Nitrate plus Nitrite (N plus N) discharge limits to the San Joaquin River that the current treatment processes cannot meet. The new N plus N limitation is 10 mg/L nitrogen to be met on a monthly average basis. The RWCF discharge must comply with the new N plus N limitation by June 1, 2024 and to meet the deadline, the CIEMP was revised to include treatment process modifications that can meet them; and

Recognizing the need to re-evaluate the necessary improvements at the RWCF to meet the new NPDES permit limitations, in 2015 the City initiated the Progressive Design-Build Contract approach, a two-phase procurement process to prepare designs and construct the facility improvements at the RWCF; and

The outcome of Phase 1 of the Progressive Design-Build Contract is the RWCF Modifications Project, which retains some elements of the CIEMP, modifies or eliminates other elements, and includes elements not recommended by the CIEMP but determined to be necessary for meeting the project purpose and objectives.

The specific objectives of the RWCF Modifications Project are to:

- replace or rehabilitate aging treatment facilities, thereby extending the RWCF's useful life;
- reduce or eliminate unnecessary treatment processes to enhance operations;
- comply with effluent limitations specified in the RWCF NPDES permit;

- improve working conditions and operations support facilities for increased efficiency;
- improve energy efficiency and reduce reliance on the external energy providers, and
- implement a project that reflects the City's priorities and funding capacity.

Upgrades and/or additions to the following unit processes are included in the project:

- Headworks
- Grit Removal
- Primary Clarification
- Secondary Treatment
- Tertiary Treatment
- Solids Handling
- Chemical Addition
- Flow Diversion and Storage
- Personnel Buildings

Construction activities are anticipated to begin in fall 2019 and conclude in spring 2023. Commissioning activities will be completed by the regulatory deadline in June 2024. Existing RWCF facilities would remain operational during construction activities to avoid an interruption in wastewater treatment service, and

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Control Act (CEQA) and identifies less-than-significant impacts in the following categories: air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, energy, hydrology and water quality, aquatic biological resources, noise, and environmental justice. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts that can be mitigated to a less-than-significant level for the following categories: terrestrial biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, and transportation and circulation. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) details the mitigation measures to be taken during the construction of this project. There would be no significant and unavoidable impacts. The Project is in conformance with the City's General Plan, pursuant to California Government Code section 654020, and

On November 2, 2018, a Draft EIR was released for public review. The 45-day comment period ended on December 17, 2018. Public comments on the Draft EIR and responses are contained in the Final EIR; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council of the City of Stockton certifies that the Final EIR prepared for the Project, Exhibit 1 and is incorporated by this reference, has been completed

in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and finds the Final EIR adequately addresses the environmental issues of the Project.

2. The City Council has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR, that the Final EIR identifies no significant and unavoidable impacts, adopts the Findings of Facts, Exhibit 2 and is incorporated by this reference, and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), Exhibit 3 and is incorporated by this reference.
3. The City Council of the City of Stockton, as lead agency, finds the Final EIR for the Project reflects the independent judgment of the City Council.
4. The City Manager is authorized to take such other actions as are appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED March 26, 2019

MICHAEL TUBBS, Mayor  
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

CHRISTIAN CLEGG, Deputy City Manager/  
And Interim City Clerk of the City of Stockton