

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINDINGS AND AWARDING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT TO VVH CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE DEPTH OF COVER REMEDIATION FOR THE 36-INCH DIAMETER PIPELINE CROSSING THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

In February 2022, the Municipal Utilities Department (MUD) conducted a hydrologic survey to measure the depth of a large diameter wastewater pipeline below the bottom of the San Joaquin River. The pipeline conveys secondary treated wastewater to the Regional Wastewater Control Tertiary Facility. The river bottom survey found that a portion of the pipeline requires additional cover to ensure the pipeline is protected from possible impacts that could cause failure as required by State Lands Commission regulation; and

On June 9, 2023, the MUD advertised a Request for Proposals for design services for the Depth of Cover Remediation for the 36-inch Diameter Pipeline Crossing the San Joaquin River. One firm, VVH Consulting Engineers, submitted a proposal for this project and was deemed qualified to provide the requested services; and

In addition, the RWCF Modifications Project recently completed the construction of the East Bank Outfall. Discharge flow from the new outfall could displace river bottom cover over the nearby 60-inch wastewater pipeline crossing; and

City staff negotiated a fee in the amount of \$872,360 for the Professional Engineering Services contract with VVH Consulting Engineers of Modesto, CA to design the remediation of the depth of cover for the 36-inch pipeline and reinforcement of cover for the 60-inch pipeline crossing the San Joaquin River; now, therefore,

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

1. Approve findings pursuant to Stockton Municipal Code section 3.68.070 in support of an exception to the competitive bidding process. These findings include:
 - a. The scope of design services requires an engineering firm with unique experience in waterway, riverine, and river bottom design.
 - b. The use of the Request for Proposals process is appropriate for this Professional Engineering Services Contract because it relies on the evaluation of professional qualifications and performance as the basis for selection of a vendor.
 - c. Use of the criteria helps ensure selection of a vendor that will provide the highest quality professional service.

- d. The City does not have sufficient staff capabilities and expertise to coordinate and permit with neighboring agencies along the San Joaquin River and to design the project for bidding and construction in 2025.

2. Award a \$872,360 Professional Engineering Services Contract to VVH Consulting Engineers to design the Depth of Cover Remediation for the 36-inch Diameter Pipeline and reinforcement of cover for the 60-inch pipeline crossing the San Joaquin River, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference.

3. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents, including, but not limited to, agreements and amendments.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take the appropriate and necessary actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

5. The City Manager is hereby authorized to reappropriate funds in the amount of \$872,360 from the Wastewater Utility Fund Balance to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations, Special Services account for these services for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED March 19, 2024.

KEVIN J. LINCOLN II
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton