

**RESOLUTION NO. 143-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH WATEARTH FOR  
OPERATIONAL COST STUDY OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SEWER  
COLLECTIONS SYSTEM, AND STORMWATER COLLECTIONS SYSTEM FOR AN  
18-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON MAY 31,  
2026, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$670,947.00**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond operates and maintains a Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sewer Collections System, and Stormwater Collections System; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond has a contract operator, Veolia Water, to perform the operations and maintenance of the wastewater and stormwater systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract with Veolia has been in place since 2002 and has been amended and/or extended five times; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's contract with Veolia ends in May 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond Public Works Department Water Resource Recovery Division wants to evaluate options for these services once Veolia's contract sunsets in 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the City aims to obtain an evaluation of the costs to operate the systems and determine a course of action and preferred method to operate these systems once the contract expires; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Resource Recovery Division released an Request for Proposal (RFP) on July 3, 2024 to solicit firms to perform the evaluation and study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Resource Recovery Division received one proposal on July 31, 2024 from Watearth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Resource Recovery Division thoroughly evaluated the proposal and conducted an interview with the firm on October 10, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Resource Recovery Division deemed Watearth to be an experienced firm capable of performing the services requested; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract with Watearth would be for an amount not to exceed \$670,947; over an 18-month term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Richmond that a contract with Watearth is approved for the Operational Cost Study of Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sewer Collections System, and Stormwater Collections System for a period of 18 months beginning December 1, 2024 and ending on May 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$670,947.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on December 3, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, McLaughlin, Robinson, Willis, Zepeda, and Vice Mayor Jimenez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: Mayor Martinez.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ

Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE

City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        }       : ss.  
City of Richmond               }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 143-24**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 3, 2024.

  
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond