

**RESOLUTION NO. 132-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE (KIDS FOR THE BAY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,000 TO IMPLEMENT A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT PURSUANT TO SETTLEMENT ORDER NO. R2-2025-1019 ISSUED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

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**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2025, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) issued Settlement Order No. R2-2025-1019 (“Settlement Order”) to the City of Richmond and the Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1 (RMSD #1), assessing \$336,000 in Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit violations that occurred at the Richmond Water Pollution Control Plant between July 2022 and December 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Order authorizes up to \$168,000 of the total penalty to be satisfied through implementation of an approved Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2025, the Richmond City Council reviewed the Settlement Order in Closed Session and voted to authorize its execution and to proceed with payment of \$168,000 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, subject to the outcome of the required public comment period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Order was posted for public comment on the State Water Board website for a period of 30 days, and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Board issued the final Settlement Order to the City on July 9, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has submitted a formal demand to Veolia Water, the contracted operator of the Richmond Water Pollution Control Plant, seeking reimbursement for the full \$336,000 penalty amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has selected the Watershed Rangers Program, administered by Earth Island Institute (Kids for the Bay), as the SEP to fulfill the remaining \$168,000 of the Settlement Order; and

**WHEREAS**, the SEP will provide watershed education and trash cleanup programming at disadvantaged elementary schools in Richmond, improving community environmental literacy and reducing non-point source pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$336,000 penalty amount was included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Wastewater Enterprise Fund budget, and no impact to the General Fund is anticipated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:**

**Section 1.** The City Council finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.** The City Council hereby approves a contract in the amount of \$168,000 with Earth Island Institute (Kids for the Bay) for implementation of a Supplemental Environmental Project pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Order.

**Section 3.** The City Manager, or their designee, is authorized to execute the contract and to take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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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 September 16, 2025, by the following vote:

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

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

Approved: (SEAL)

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. 132-25**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2025.

  
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 Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond