

RESOLUTION NO. 5-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DISTRICT) TO REMIT \$780,000 TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE CITY TO MEET ITS PERMIT OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE VIA VERDI PROJECT

WHEREAS, in February 2017, Via Verdi roadway, the sole ingress/egress to the Sobrante Glen residential neighborhood of 85 single-family homes and about 100 apartment and condominium units, was damaged due to a landslide; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Via Verdi landslide, the City constructed an Emergency Access Road and worked with utility companies to relocate their facilities into the Emergency Access; and

WHEREAS, the City proposed to construct a culvert in San Pablo Creek to eliminate the threat of future landslides and the City engaged with federal, state, and local regulatory agencies including the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), to secure the appropriate regulatory permits for work in San Pablo Creek, adjacent to Via Verdi roadway; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory agencies required the City to implement both riparian vegetation and fish passage mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, to meet the Via Verdi project regulatory permit fish passage mitigation requirements, the City of Richmond agreed to provide mitigation funds to the Contra Costa Flood Control District (District) for their proposed Wildcat Creek Fish Passage Implementation Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the fish passage portion of the Project was estimated to cost \$780,000 (\$650,000 Engineer's Estimate plus a 20% construction contingency); and

WHEREAS, the proposed mitigation will ensure that the proposed project will not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of improving fish passage in Wildcat Creek by retrofitting an existing fish ladder, widening a sedimentation basin, and modifying a flood control structure, and is located in the North Richmond Area; and

WHEREAS, the remittance of these funds requires City Council approval of a funding agreement with the District to sponsor the Project and authorization for the City Manager or their designee to sign the funding agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council finds the above recitals are true and correct and have served, together with the Agenda Report, as the basis for the findings and actions set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the funding agreement in the amount of \$780,000 to the District for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council designates the City Clerk as the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the City Clerk at the Richmond City Hall, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, California 94804.

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 January 20, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Bana, Brown, Jimenez, Wilson, Zepeda, Vice Mayor Robinson, 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:

SHANNON MOORE
Interim 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. 5-26**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on January 20, 2026.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond