

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AWARING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT TO BEECHER ENGINEERING, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RECYCLED WATER TREATMENT FACILITY (RWTF) EXISTING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$141,000; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME; AND AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER WITHIN THE SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND WATER RECYCLING BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, § 3-5.500 of the Municipal code provides that an RFP or RFQ process is found to be an effective and efficient way to procure professional services and procurement of professional services shall be based on proposals solicited from capable professionals and be evaluated based on a combination of factors including education, training, experience and demonstrated competence and professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required; and

**WHEREAS**, § 3-5.540 of the Municipal Code provides that contracts for professional services estimated to cost more than One Hundred Thousand and no/100ths (\$100,000.00) Dollars must be awarded by the Council, and that the selection will be based on demonstrated competence and on the education, training and experience and professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required, that cost will not be the only basis for selection, use a qualifications-based selection process as described in subdivision (a) of § [4527](#)<sup>1</sup> of the California Government Code and negotiated as described in § [4528](#); and

**WHEREAS**, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued on July 10, 2023, with submissions due August 9, 2023, asking for qualified consultants to assist the City with

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1 All references to section numbers will be to the California Government Code

on-call water and wastewater professional design services; and

**WHEREAS**, a total of 16 firms submitted qualification statements; these statements were reviewed by City staff and an on-call list was developed; and

**WHEREAS**, Beecher Engineering, Inc. is on this list of eligible on-call consultants and was selected for their knowledge and experience in recycled water facilities and their specific experience working with the City's facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has recommended that the proposal from Beecher Engineering, Inc., a corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$141,000 be accepted as the best response.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution awarding contract to Cummings Management Group, Inc. for on-call labor compliance services does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and if a "project," is exempt under the "common sense" exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the contract is hereby awarded to Beecher Engineering, Inc., a corporation, for the RWTF existing electrical equipment improvements engineering design services, in an amount not to exceed \$141,000.

3. That the Contract for Consultant Services between the City of Watsonville and Beecher Engineering, Inc., a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.

5. That a budget transfer in the amount of \$141,000 within the Sewer Enterprise Fund Water Recycling Budget from budget account code 0710-532-7324 Repairs and Maintenance to 0710-532-7361 Other Contract Services is hereby approved.

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