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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1109 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE UNDER THE UTILITIES PROJECT EXCEPTION THEREIN FOR THE SELECTION OF A QUALIFIED PANEL OF CONTRACTORS TO SUPPLEMENT RIVERSIDE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANT WORK FORCE FOR THE RIVERSIDE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANT, CITY-WIDE SEWER/STORM DRAIN COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND THE TEQUESQUITE LANDFILL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UP TO \$500,000 ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

WHEREAS, the City of Riverside Public Works Department, Wastewater Division is responsible for the collection and treatment of wastewater flows generated within the City and the communities of Jurupa, Rubidoux, Edgemont, and Highgrove. The City's collection system consists of over 800 miles of gravity sewers ranging from 6 to 48 inches in diameter and 19 wastewater pump stations. The wastewater pump stations range in size from 100 gallons per minute (gpm) up to 2,000 gpm. Treatment is provided at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP), which provides preliminary, primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment for a hydraulically rated capacity of approximately 46 million gallons per day average dry weather flow; and

WHEREAS, in order to keep up with current state and federal regulations, and normal day to day operations of the plant, City-wide Sewer/Storm Drain collection system, and the Tequesquite Landfill, RWQCP is in need of establishing a Contractors Panel of qualified contractors to provide on-call services; and

WHEREAS, in June 2018, the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division, solicited proposals in order to assemble a panel of qualified contractors available to bid on and quickly perform such maintenance/repair/rehabilitation projects at RWQCP, City-wide Sewer/Storm Drain collection system, and the Tequesquite Landfill on an as-needed basis (“Projects”); and

WHEREAS, six Contractors were selected based on their performance history, availability of equipment, qualified manpower ability to conduct construction in a structured, efficient, and safe manner, and their competitive rates and fees; and

WHEREAS, the contractors on the Panel are pre-qualified to bid on construction projects under a Master Agreements for Public Works Department, Wastewater Division, RWQCP Work for

1 Various City Locations on an As-Needed Basis (“Master Agreement”). The Master Agreement  
2 incorporates all contractual requirements including bonding and insurance. When RWQCP requires  
3 work by a contractor, request for bids are sent out to all Panel members with their specific category.  
4 Bids are generally returned and opened within two weeks. Each bid is awarded to the lowest  
5 responsive and responsible bidder by the Purchasing Division; and

6 WHEREAS, RWQCP will only use the Panel for projects which are less than \$500,000;  
7 projects in excess of this amount are bid through the City’s formal competitive bidding process.  
8 Each contractor on the panel is limited to a cumulative project total of \$750,000 annually. Through  
9 the Panel, RWQCP can use accelerated competitive bidding to pre-qualified contractors that have  
10 executed the Master Agreement that allow bids to be solicited, submitted, evaluated and the  
11 construction project to be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder within as little as  
12 fifteen business days as compared to the fifty-three business days, minimum, required for formal  
13 competitive bidding. Similar Panels maintained by other City departments have been successful in  
14 promoting the timely delivery of utility projects throughout the City; and

15 WHEREAS, any contractor can join the Panel if the contractor meets the prerequisites listed  
16 in the Request for Qualifications and executes the Master Agreement; and

17 WHEREAS, City Charter section 1109 provides that the City Council may, by at least five  
18 affirmative votes, waive the formal bidding requirements for projects for the construction and/or  
19 improvement of any public utility system operated by the City, which includes wastewater and storm  
20 drain systems; and

21 WHEREAS, if the cost of construction of a project exceeds \$500,000 during the course of  
22 construction, the City Council must approve such exceedance.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,  
24 California, based upon the reasons set forth herein and in the accompanying staff report and  
25 presentation, as follows:

26 Section 1: The formal competitive bidding requirements of Section 1109 of the Charter of  
27 the City of Riverside are hereby waived under the utilities project exception stated therein.

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