

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, 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 provides treatment of domestic and industrial wastewater generated within the City of Riverside (City) and the Community Service Districts (CSDs) of Highgrove, Rubidoux, Edgemont and Jurupa at the City's Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP). This entails the operation of primary, secondary and tertiary treatment processes to produce high quality effluent that complies with all State and Federal requirements. The addition of Membrane Bioreactor System (MBR) treatment process under the 2017 Plant Expansion project has increased the treatment capacity from 30 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) to 54 Million Gallons per Day (MGD); and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2022, the City Council authorized the establishment of a construction services panel to support the Wastewater Division's RWQCP capital improvement program on an as needed basis by adoption of Resolution No. 23839; and

WHEREAS, the contractor panel master agreements expired on March 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a new construction services panel to support the Wastewater Division's RWQCP capital improvement program on an as needed basis, and to waive the formal bidding requirements pursuant to Section 1109 of the City Charter for projects for the construction and/or improvement at RWQCP, and the Tequesquite Landfill on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2025, the Public Works Department, Wastewater Division, issued a Request for Qualification seeking construction service including but not limited to proposals in order to assemble a panel of qualified contractors available to bid on and quickly perform such maintenance/repair/rehabilitation projects at RWQCP, and the Tequesquite Landfill on an as-needed basis ("Projects"); and

1 WHEREAS, seven (7) Contractors were selected based on their performance history,
2 availability of equipment, qualified manpower ability to conduct construction in a structured,
3 efficient, and safe manner, and their competitive rates and fees; and

4 WHEREAS, the contractors on the Panel are pre-qualified to bid on construction projects under
5 a Master Agreements for Public Works Department, Wastewater Division, RWQCP Work for Various
6 City Locations on an As-Needed Basis ("Master Agreement"). The Master Agreement incorporates
7 all contractual requirements including bonding and insurance. When RWQCP requires work by a
8 contractor, request for bids are sent out to all Panel members with their specific category. Bids are
9 generally returned and opened within two weeks. Each bid is awarded to the lowest responsive and
10 responsible bidder by the Purchasing Division; and

11 WHEREAS, RWQCP will only use the Panel for projects which are less than Five Hundred
12 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000); projects in excess of this amount are bid through the City's formal
13 competitive bidding process. Each contractor on the panel is limited to a cumulative project total of
14 Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for a period of five (5) years. Through the Panel, RWQCP can use
15 accelerated competitive bidding to pre-qualified contractors that have executed the Master Agreement
16 that allow bids to be solicited, submitted, evaluated and the construction project to be awarded to the
17 lowest responsible and responsive bidder within as little as fifteen business days as compared to the
18 fifty-three business days, minimum, required for formal competitive bidding. Similar Panels
19 maintained by other City departments have been successful in promoting the timely delivery of utility
20 projects throughout the City; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, if the cost of construction of a project exceeds Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
28 (\$500,000) during the course of construction, the City Council must approve such exceedance.

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

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

6 Section 2: The establishment of a Riverside Regional Water Quality Control Plant Contractors
7 Panel is approved.

8 Section 3: The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to issue purchase orders for the
9 award of works of public construction to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction
10 not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for projects advertised for bid under the
11 Riverside Regional Water Quality Control Plant Contractors Panel.

12 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2025.

13
14 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
15 Mayor of the City of Riverside

16 Attest:

17 _____
18 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

19 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
20 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council
21 of said City at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2025 by the following vote,
22 to wit:

23 Ayes:

24 Noes:

25 Absent:

26 Abstain:

27 //

28 //

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

312212 TAT 11/24/25