

RESOLUTION NO. 4875-2024

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOCH CONSULTING TO CONDUCT A RECYCLED WATER FEASIBILITY STUDY, CITY PROJECT NO. WTP-00026, AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,132)

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg is committed to ensuring the sustainability and resilience of its water supply, particularly in response to recent drought conditions that have underscored the need for innovative water management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on October 16, 2024, seeking qualified consulting firms to conduct a Recycled Water Feasibility Study to evaluate the potential for treating wastewater effluent to potable standards and reintegrating it into the City's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the study is to assess treatment options, environmental impacts, regulatory requirements, and cost-effectiveness to determine the feasibility of a recycled water system that would enhance water supply reliability and support environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the RFP solicitation closed on November 15, 2024, and the City received two (2) proposals from qualified firms, with the proposal from Hoch Consulting offering the most comprehensive approach, relevant experience, and a detailed plan that meets the City's objectives within the allocated budget; and

WHEREAS, Hoch Consulting has demonstrated the necessary expertise to complete the Recycled Water Feasibility Study, including experience with similar projects and knowledge of regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the project will be fully funded through a \$500,000 grant from the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Recycling Funding Program (Agreement No. D2305010), with all deliverables due by May 31, 2025, to meet the grant's reimbursement date of November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Recycled Water Feasibility Study aligns with the goals, policies, and programs of the City's General Plan by supporting sustainable infrastructure development, enhancing water security, and advancing environmental conservation initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the proposed study is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, which exempts feasibility and planning studies with no commitment to proceed with implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, AND DETERMINED that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are fully incorporated herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve the Professional Services Agreement with Hoch Consulting

in an amount not to exceed \$499,132, funded by the State Water Resources Control Board’s grant for the Recycled Water Feasibility Study, and authorizes the City Manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the City and to take all necessary actions to administer the agreement in compliance with grant requirements.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Vice Mayor Godeke, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 25th day of November, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Peters, Rafanan, Vice Mayor Godeke, and Mayor Norvell.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: None.

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Lenore Weaver
Acting City Clerk