

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WRA, INC. FOR
BIOLOGICAL COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE RAW
WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$84,970);
NO NEW MND OR EIR IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO 15162 AND
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION 15061(b)(3)**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg is undertaking the Raw Water Line Replacement Project ("Project"), WTR-00016, to replace approximately two miles of critical raw water supply pipeline; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Project is subject to regulatory permits and compliance requirements issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) under Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements (Notification Nos. EPIMS-MEN-49514-R1C and EPIMS-MEN-31384-R1C) , NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Biological Opinion (WCRO-2025-00645) , and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Consistency Determination; and

WHEREAS, specialized biological consulting services are required to fulfill mandatory pre-construction species surveys, fish rescue and relocation, Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, stream and wetland protection, and daily biological monitoring during in-stream construction; and

WHEREAS, WRA, Inc. (WRA Environmental Consultants) possesses the requisite qualifications, regulatory expertise, and agency approvals required to serve as the designated biological compliance firm for this Project; and

WHEREAS, WRA, Inc. submitted a Scope of Work and Cost Proposal dated June 30, 2026, to provide Phase 2 Permit Compliance Implementation Support in an amount not to exceed \$84,970; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the scope and determined the fees to be fair, reasonable, and necessary to maintain compliance with all environmental permits; and

WHEREAS, the Project is the subject of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) adopted by the City Council pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"), and no further CEQA review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and Section 15061(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, funding for these professional biological services will be provided through appropriations from the Water Enterprise Fund for FY 2026/27, and sufficient funds are available for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Fort Bragg does hereby approve the Professional Services Agreement with WRA, Inc., for biological compliance and monitoring services for the Raw Water Line Replacement Project, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$84,970.00.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 10th day of August 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:

Jason Godeke
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli
City Clerk