

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-2026**

**Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE) to Provide Professional Engineering Services for the Stormwater Asset Management Plan and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$82,566.00); Categorical Exemption §15262**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg is required to maintain compliance with the Phase II MS4 Permit, which necessitates a structured framework for stormwater asset inventory, condition assessments, and long-term financial planning; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 10, 2025, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a qualified consultant to develop a Stormwater Asset Management Plan (AMP) that integrates existing City data and establishes a 20-year cost forecast; and

**WHEREAS**, the City extended the solicitation period and received five (5) formal proposals on January 20, 2026, from the following firms: Lumos & Associates, Hoch Consulting, RICK Engineering Company, Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE), and Balance Hydrologics; and

**WHEREAS**, after an independent review by staff and technical experts, Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE) was selected as the most qualified firm based on their comprehensive technical approach, alignment with the City's \$82,566.00 budget, and inclusion of area expertise via their sub-consulting team; and

**WHEREAS**, the project scope includes a critical public outreach and education campaign to connect technical infrastructure needs with community values and future funding initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is a planning study, and is therefore statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is listed in the FY25/26 adopted budget, Capital Improvement plan, with funds in the amount of \$ 15,500 from stormwater capacity fees and \$67,066.00 from MCOG OWP planning grant funding for a total project amount of \$82,566.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** at the City Council of Fort Bragg does hereby approve the Professional Services Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE), attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorizes the City Manager to execute the contract in an amount not to exceed \$82,566.00, and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVES**, that the approval of this agreement is exempt from CEQA pursuant to §15262 feasibility and planning studies.

**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 9th day of February 2026, by the following vote:**

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**RECUSED:**

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**Jason Godeke**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**