

RESOLUTION NO. XX-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A \$900,000.00
SOLE-SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LARRY WALKER
& ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER REGULATORY
COMPLIANCE SUPPORT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is subject to state and federal wastewater and stormwater regulatory requirements, including obligations under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, pretreatment program requirements, sanitary sewer system regulations, and the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit; and

WHEREAS, the City is a co-permittee under a jointly held NPDES permit with the West County Wastewater District and must coordinate compliance, reporting, and regulatory communications with its co-permittee and applicable regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, compliance with these regulatory programs requires specialized technical and regulatory expertise, continuity of institutional knowledge, and ongoing coordination with the Regional Water Quality Control Board, State Water Resources Control Board, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker & Associates, Inc. has provided wastewater and stormwater regulatory compliance support services to the City of Richmond since 2009 and has been directly involved in development, implementation, and compliance activities associated with the City's current NPDES permit cycle and Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit obligations; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker & Associates, Inc. also provides regulatory support services to the West County Wastewater District, the City's NPDES co-permittee, allowing for continuity, consistency of regulatory interpretation, and coordinated communication with regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that due to the specialized and highly technical nature of the services, the firm's unique institutional knowledge of the City's facilities and regulatory history, and the need to maintain continuity during an active permit cycle and upcoming permit renewal processes, it is in the best interest of the City to procure these services on a sole-source basis to avoid duplication of effort, increased costs, and regulatory risk; and

WHEREAS, this sole-source procurement is authorized pursuant to Richmond Municipal Code section 2.52.326, and a Sole Source Justification has been prepared in accordance with City procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Wastewater Enterprise Fund and Stormwater Enterprise Fund to support the proposed contract, and this action will have no impact on the General Fund.

WHEREAS, staff recommends issuing a \$900,000 contract, including \$806,400 in anticipated costs plus an 11.6% contingency to cover unanticipated regulatory responses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Richmond as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporates them herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a sole-source professional services contract with Larry Walker & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.00 for a three-year term from April 22, 2026 through April 21, 2029 to provide wastewater and stormwater regulatory compliance support services.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is further authorized to execute any related documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held April 21, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

PAMELA CHRISTIAN

CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney