

RESOLUTION NO. 968

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE FURMAN GROUP FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ADVOCACY SERVICES

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2007, the Board of Public Utilities by Resolution No. 913, and on December 18, 2007, the Council by Resolution No. 27002, approved Phase 1 West of the Santa Rosa Urban Reuse Project and stated that construction of Phase 1 West would not proceed until the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board amended its Basin Plan so that incidental runoff of recycled water was no longer a violation of the seasonal discharge prohibition; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2009, the Board of Public Utilities by Resolution No. 962, and on September 1, 2009, the Council by Resolution No. 27471 recognized that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board amended its Basin Plan so that incidental runoff of recycled water is no longer a violation of the seasonal discharge prohibition and directed that construction of the Santa Rosa Urban Reuse Pilot Project proceed; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 West of the Santa Rosa Urban Reuse Project would provide 760 acre-feet of potable supply offset each year and would contribute substantially to the City's goal of potable water offset and supply diversification consistent with the City's 2005 Urban Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of design and construction of Phase 1 West of the Santa Rosa Urban Reuse Project was \$36.6 million in 2007 and grant funding to reduce the need for rate-based financing is highly desirable; and

WHEREAS, opportunity for federal grant funding by congressional authorization and appropriation appears feasible and should be pursued by the City; and

WHEREAS, obtaining congressional authorization and appropriation requires focused effort and specialized expertise; and

WHEREAS, The Furman Group has successfully obtained federal funding for water recycling projects and is highly qualified to advocate on the City's behalf for federal funding for Phase 1 West of the Santa Rosa Urban Reuse Project; and

WHEREAS, City staff has thoroughly evaluated the proposal submitted by The Furman Group and determined the price for providing advocacy services is fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities has considered the report of City staff and has concluded that the proposal submitted by The Furman Group is fair and reasonable, and determines it would be in the City's best interests to accept.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities waives competitive bidding and authorizes award of a Professional Services Agreement for federal funding advocacy services to The Furman Group, Washington DC, in the amount of \$160,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities authorizes the Finance Director to pay all claims for this purchase out of account number 8537, "IRWP Management".

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2009.

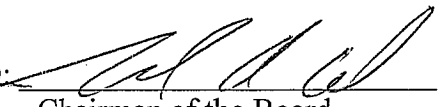
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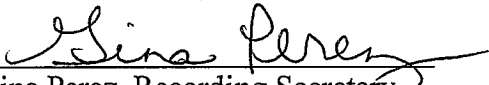
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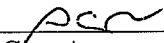
APPROVED: _____


Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____


Gina Perez, Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney