

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0056

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Regional Water System has over 300 miles of large potable water transmission pipelines ranging in diameter from 36-inch to 108-inch diameter and varying in age from five to over 90 years old requiring pipeline assessment, rehabilitation, and replacement to maintain critical reliable delivery of water to SFPUC's customers; and

WHEREAS, On July 27, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-0117, this Commission awarded Contract No. PRO.0168.A, Engineering Services for Transmission Pipelines, for an amount not-to-exceed \$7,000,000, and with a duration of eight years, to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM); and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that this Commission approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. PRO.0168.A, Engineering Services for Transmission Pipelines, to increase the contract amount by \$7,000,000, to provide additional engineering design and support services for select transmission pipeline capital improvement projects that have had significant increases in project scopes and budgets since the Commission first awarded this contract, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$14,000,000, with no change to the contract duration; and

WHEREAS, The Contract Monitoring Division (CMD) established a 15% Local Business Enterprise (LBE) subconsultant participation requirement for this contract, AECOM committed to an LBE subconsultant participation of 20.25% with their proposal, and this amount remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, On October 30, 2008, the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) (Case No. 2005.0159E) for the Water System Improvement Program, prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, On July 9, 2009, the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project (Case No. 2007.0118E), which is tiered from the 2008 Program EIR; and

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2009, by Resolution No. 09-0119, this Commission approved the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project and adopted the CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as required by the CEQA; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2022, the San Francisco Planning Department issued a Minor Project Modification to the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final EIR to include work associated with the San Joaquin Valve and Safe Entry Improvements Phases 2A, 2B and 2C,

determining that no supplemental environmental review was needed beyond the Minor Project Modification; and

WHEREAS, On February 27, 2024, by Resolution No. 24-0036, this Commission reviewed and considered the Minor Project Modification to approve HH-1012 San Joaquin Pipeline Valve and Safe Entry Improvements Project Phase 2A; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2025, by Resolution No. 25-0045, this Commission reviewed and considered the Minor Project Modification to approve HH-1016 San Joaquin Pipeline Valve and Safe Entry Improvements Project Phases 2B and 2C; and

WHEREAS, The work under this amendment on the San Joaquin Pipeline Valve and Safe Entry Improvements Project Phases 2A and 2B that would receive additional funding is within the scope of the project authorized under the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final EIR and the Minor Project Modification to the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department is the custodian of records for the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final EIR, located in File No. 2007.0118E, at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, California 94103, which have been made available for review by this Commission and the public, and those files are part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, Staff has made the Project files, including the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final EIR, Minor Project Modification to the Final EIR, Resolution No. 09-0119, Resolution No. 24-0036, Resolution No. 25-0045, CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, available for review by this Commission and the public, and those files are part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, This Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final EIR, Minor Project Modification to the Final EIR, CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Resolution No. 09-0119, Resolution No. 24-0036, Resolution No. 25-0045, and all written and oral information provided by the Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2008, the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project (Case Number 2007.0427E); and

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2008, by Resolution No. 08-0234, this Commission approved CUW38401, Tesla Treatment Facility Project which was included in the scope of work analyzed in the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project Final EIR and as required by the CEQA, adopted CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2023, the San Francisco Planning Department issued an Addendum to the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project Final EIR (Case No. 2007.0427ENV-03) for the addition of a new surge shaft tower and related facilities at the Tesla Treatment Facility, and a recirculation system to prevent stagnant water from sitting in the proposed new 60-inch surge pipeline; and

WHEREAS, On January 9, 2024, by Resolution No. 24-0002, this Commission reviewed, considered, and adopted the Addendum to approve the HH-1009, San Joaquin Pipeline Valve and Safe Entry Improvements Phase 3 – Tesla Surge Tower; and

WHEREAS, The work under this amendment on the San Joaquin Pipeline Valve and Safe Entry Improvements Phase 3 that would receive additional funding is within the scope of the Project authorized under the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project Final EIR and the Addendum to the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department is the custodian of records for the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project FEIR, located in the file for Case No. 2007.0427E and File No. 2007.0427ENV-03 at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, California, 94103, which have been made available for review by this Commission and the public, and those files are part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, Staff has made the Project files, including the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project Final EIR, Addendum to the Final EIR, Resolution No. 08-0234, Resolution No. 24-0002, CEQA Findings, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, available for review by this Commission and the public, and those files are part of the record before this Commission; and

WHEREAS, This Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project FEIR, Addendum to the Final EIR, the CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, SFPUC Resolution No. 08-0234 and Resolution No. 24-0002, and all written and oral information provided by the San Francisco Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission staff and other experts, and the administrative files for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Amendment of this professional services contract does not otherwise fall within the definition of a “project” under CEQA Guidelines section 15378 because work under the agreement will consist of engineering design and support services only, and no engineering support during construction and closeout services will be initiated under this contract until the CEQA review is complete and until this Commission has reviewed and considered the CEQA determination and has approved the Project; and approval of individual task orders under this contract for activities such as geotechnical investigations would require compliance with the CEQA prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities; and

WHEREAS, Amendment of this professional services contract is not an approval of the proposed Moccasin Penstock or Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass projects, and SFPUC retains

discretion to, among other things, modify the proposed projects to mitigate significant environmental impacts, require the implementation of specific measures to mitigate any significant environmental impacts of the projects, or reject the project, following completion of environmental review; and

WHEREAS, Funds for Amendment No. 1 are available from individual projects within the Hetch Hetchy Water Capital Improvement Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This Commission finds that the record as a whole is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final EIR, the Minor Project Modification to the EIR, and incorporates the CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program contained in Resolution No. 09-0119 by this reference thereto as though set forth in this Resolution; and be it

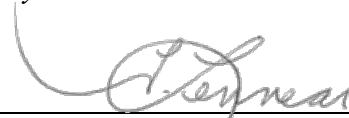
FURTHER RESOLVED, This Commission further finds that since the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final EIR, as modified by the Minor Project Modification, was finalized, there have been no substantial Project changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that would require major revisions to them due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in them; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, This Commission finds that the record as a whole is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project Final EIR, the Addendum to the FEIR, and incorporates the CEQA Findings, including a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program contained in Resolution No. 08-0234 by this reference thereto as though set forth in this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, This Commission further finds that since the San Joaquin Regional Water Quality Improvement Project FEIR, as modified by the Addendum, was finalized, there have been no substantial Project changes and no substantial changes in Project circumstances that would require major revisions to them due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in them; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby approves Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. PRO.0168.A, Engineering Services for Transmission Pipelines, with AECOM, increasing the contract amount by \$7,000,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$14,000,000, with no change to the contract duration of eight years, subject to Board of Supervisors approval under Charter Section 9.118.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of March 25, 2025.



*Director of Commission Affairs
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission*