

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 24-0223

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is planning for the construction of a new facility to convert biogas generated from the Biosolids Digester Facilities Project at the Southeast Treatment Plant into renewable natural gas (Biogas Utilization Project); and

WHEREAS, The proposed Biogas Utilization Project (Project) promotes current California state goals for in-state production and distribution of renewable natural gas as documented in Assembly Bill 1900 and Senate Bill 840, and this aligns with the City's sustainability policies as it displaces the use of fossil fuels while offering value as renewable fuel for compressed natural gas vehicles, and also providing an opportunity as a "bridge fuel" for in-city natural gas uses that cannot shift to electric; and

WHEREAS, Due to the unique complexities of the design and construction required for this Project, the SFPUC has selected a best value design-build project delivery method in accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code section 6.61(c), which delivery method the General Manager approved on June 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, On July 12, 2024, the SFPUC advertised a Request for Qualifications and Proposals for Design-Build Services for Contract No. DB-138, Southeast Treatment Plant Biogas Utilization Project; and

WHEREAS, The contract duration is 1,020 consecutive calendar days; and

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2024, the SFPUC received one proposal; and

WHEREAS, SFPUC staff and Contract Monitoring Division reviewed the proposal for responsibility, responsiveness, and application of bid preferences, and determined that PCL Construction, Inc., is the sole, qualified proposer and that it submitted a responsive proposal; and

WHEREAS, The Contract Monitoring Division established a 7% Local Business Enterprise (LBE) subcontracting participation for the design (pre-construction) and construction phases of this contract, and PCL Construction, Inc., committed to a LBE subcontractor participation of 7.0% and 7.14% for the respective design and construction phases for this contract with its bid submittal; and

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2018, by Motion No. M-20129, the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the Biosolids Digester Facilities Project (Case No. 2015-000644ENV), as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2018, by Resolution No. 18-0042, this Commission approved the Biosolids Digester Facilities Project and adopted the CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as required by the CEQA; and

WHEREAS, On July 12, 2024, the San Francisco Planning Department issued an Addendum to the Final EIR (Modified Case No. 2015-000644ENV-03) evaluating the biogas utilization system facilities; and the work under Contract No. DB-138, Southeast Treatment Plant Biogas Utilization Project is within the scope of the project authorized under the Final EIR and the Addendum to the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department is the custodian of records, located in File No. 2015-000644ENV and Modified Case No. 2015-000644ENV-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 Final EIR, Resolution No. 18-0042, the CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the Addendum to the Final EIR 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 Final EIR, Resolution No. 18-0042, the CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the Addendum to the Final EIR, and all written and oral information provided by the San Francisco Planning Department, the public, relevant public agencies, SFPUC and other experts and the administrative files for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Funds are available from Project No. CWWSIPDP01, Biosolids Digester Facilities Project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This Commission has reviewed and considered the Final EIR and the Addendum to the Final EIR and the record as a whole, and finds that the Final EIR and Addendum are adequate for its use as the decision-making body for the Project and incorporates the CEQA Findings, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Resolution No. 18-0042 by this reference thereto as though set forth in this Resolution; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, This Commission finds that since the Final EIR and the Addendum to the Final EIR were 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 hereby awards Contract No. DB-138, Southeast Treatment Plant Biogas Utilization Project, in the amount of \$121,541,812 and with a duration of 1,020 consecutive calendar days, to the sole, qualified proposer, PCL Construction, Inc.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of October 22, 2024.



C. Stephens
Director of Commission Affairs
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission