



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER KALB

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT IN-KIND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND NO-COST INSTALLATION OF HEAT PUMP HOT WATER HEATERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,516.70 FROM WILLDAN GROUP INC. AT NINE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BUILDINGS TO FURTHER THE CITY'S CLIMATE, ELECTRIFICATION, AND EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION GOALS AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS.

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland (City) adopted the 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) in July 2020, a comprehensive strategy to equitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the City; and

WHEREAS, the ECAP identifies the need to eliminate natural gas consumption and connections in all existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, the ECAP further requires all major retrofits of municipal buildings to be all-electric; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has similarly set building electrification and energy efficiency as key priorities; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) oversees more than \$1 billion annually in utility ratepayer-funded programs to support energy efficiency and electrification; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) administers many of the ratepayer-funded electrification programs, and has contracted with Willdan Group, Inc. to deliver the Government and K12 Heat Pump/Hot Water Electrification Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, through the Program, Willdan will provide technical assistance, facility assessments, incentive processing, and, through its subcontractor Enovative Mechanical and Energy Services, complete replacement of older gas-powered water heaters at Municipal Buildings, starting with nine Oakland Public Library (OPL) branch locations as listed in attached Exhibit A, with new, energy efficient, heat pump water heaters, at zero cost to the City (Project), with the expectation by way of the requested authorization and delegation to the City Administrator to appropriate any future in-kind donation funds or rebates that the City may receive, to add more City buildings to install such additional heat pumps ; and

WHEREAS, the value of these in-kind technical assistance and no-cost installation services is \$74,516.70;

WHEREAS, Willdan will be compensated through rebates and other funds from PG&E; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is likely to result in operational savings to the City due to avoided deferred maintenance and increased energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration recommends that the City utilize the Program to facilitate electrification of water heating systems at these locations;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that this action complies with CEQA because this action on the part of the City is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (existing facilities); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to accept in-kind services, equipment installation, and related materials and services in the amount of \$74,516.70 to facilitate the installation of heat pumps and efficient electrification of water heating systems at municipal buildings; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The City Council has independently reviewed and considered the Heat Pump installation project and finds and determines that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15268 (Ministerial Projects), 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning), 15301(c) (Existing Facilities, Highways and Streets), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (Small Structures), 15304 (h) (minor alterations to land, and/or 15061 (b) (3) (No significant Effect on the Environment); and/or CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b)(3) (common sense exemption), with each of the aforementioned provide a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance. As such, the City Council directs the City's Environmental Review Officer to file a Notice of Exemption with the Alameda County Clerk's Office and appropriate agencies; and be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized in the name of the City of Oakland, to execute by electronic signature or other method required by PG&E and Willdan, all project-related documents including without limitation, the agreement with Willdan to participate fully in the Program and all applications, agreements, amendments and requests for payment, necessary to secure the project funds, grants, and rebates; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to appropriate said funds with the Council delegating the authority to the City Administrator to appropriate any future in-kind donation funds, grants, or rebates that the City may receive, to add more City buildings for the installation heat pumps in other City buildings with old gas-powered water heaters; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary consistent with this Resolution and its basic purposes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the agreement and amendments authorized hereunder shall be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for form and legality and shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO, AND PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California