RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WATERTALENT, LLC., OF SHERMAN OAKS, FOR TEMPORARY LAB TECHNICIAN AT THE WHITE SLOUGH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

WHEREAS, the City's laboratory at White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (WSWPCF) is regulated by the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) which ensures the quality of environmental and public health data generated by laboratories in California; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2024 the WSWPCF was audited by International Accreditation Service, a laboratory auditing firm that works on behalf of the State of California to audit laboratories that are ELAP certified and the report findings suggested that additional staffing may be required to accommodate the more extensive regulations associated with new ELAP requirements; and

WHEREAS, to address the findings, Staff recommends engaging an outside firm to obtain part-time lab assistant services for one-year to further assess staffing needs and/or modifications to the organizational structure of the laboratory in preparation of the FY 25/26 budget year; and

WHEREAS, procurement of waterTALENT, LLC., for part-time lab assistant services was performed in accordance with Lodi Municipal Code Section 3.20.075(6) Safety, Environmental, or hazardous materials consultants and is exempt from advertising and bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, waterTALENT, LLC performs similar temporary lab assistant services for other local agencies and were recommended via reference check; and

WHEREAS, staff also received a quote from Operational Technical Services, LLC (OTS) that was a higher cost than waterTALENT's quote and OTS was unsure whether they would be able to provide a qualified temporary employee at this time to meet the City's needs; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with waterTALENT LLC, of Sherman Oaks, for a Temporary Lab Technician at the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$132,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with waterTALENT LLC, of Sherman Oaks, for a Temporary Lab Technician at the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility, in an amount not-to-exceed \$132,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 6.3q of the City Council Protocol Manual (Res. No. 2019-223), the City Attorney is hereby authorized to make minor revisions to the above-referenced document(s) that do not alter the compensation or term, and to make clerical corrections as necessary.

DATED: November 20, 2024

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 20, 2024, by the following vote:	
AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS –
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS -

OLIVIA NASHED City Clerk

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