



# Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	9/9/2025
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	Consent Calendar
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11455 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement (Contract No. 173-21 23-049) with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for \$31,464 with \$15,732 from the Water Impact Fee Fund (Fund 456) and \$15,732 from the Water Operating Fund (Fund 520) for the City of Folsom Water Vision and Appropriation of Funds
<b>FROM:</b>	Environmental and Water Resources Department

**RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

The Environmental and Water Resources Department recommends the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11455 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement (Contract No. 173-21 23-049) with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for \$31,464 with \$15,732 from the Water Impact Fee Fund (Fund 456) and \$15,732 from the Water Operating Fund (Fund 520) for the City of Folsom Water Vision and Appropriation of Funds.

**BACKGROUND / ISSUE**

On August 22, 2023, City Council approved Resolution No. 11089 with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. (WSC) to complete the City’s Water Vision planning process. EWR staff recommended a Water Vision planning process to evaluate water supply alternatives to meet customer demands during drought or infrastructure outages, to consider water supply impacts due to climate variability, and to include key stakeholders and customers in the development process. The process evaluated the adequacy and reliability of the City’s water supplies, developed a water supply portfolio that addresses water supply reliability, resiliency, and sustainability, and developed recommendations to provide long-term guidance for managing these supplies through the Stakeholder process.

Based on feedback from City Council during the February 20, 2023 City Council meeting, a focused stakeholder group consisting of 20-25 members of the community was created, which included all seven Utility Commissioners. The program contents below were presented to the stakeholder group and the public in six workshops for public comment, feedback, and discussion.

- City water supplies and contracts.
- City's current and future water use.
- Statewide landscape regarding water usage.
- Potential threats to the City's water supplies.
- Opportunities for water supply reliability, resiliency, and redundancy.

## **POLICY / RULE**

In accordance with Chapter 2.36 of the Folsom Municipal Code, supplies, equipment, services, and construction with a value of \$75,049 or greater shall be awarded by City Council.

The 2035 General Plan outlines the necessary public facilities and services (PFS) to serve the needs of existing and future residents and businesses. The policies within Section 7 of the General Plan seek to ensure that PFS are provided and maintained, so that Folsom can continue to grow and thrive to 2035 and beyond.

Folsom General Plan 2035, Goal PFS 3.1/Objective 3.1.5 – Coordinate with regional and sub-regional agencies to ensure the reliability of an adequate water supply.

Folsom General Plan 2035, Goal PFS 3.1/Objective 3.1.7 – Provide an adequate supply of water for all users in Folsom now and in the future.

Folsom General Plan 2035, Goal PFS 3.1/Objective 3.1.8 – Require water resources be developed in coordination with local flood management, water conservation, and groundwater agencies.

Folsom General Plan 2035, Goal PFS 3.1/Objective 3.1.11 – Ensure a resilient water storage and distribution system that can rapidly recover in the event of a disaster.

## **ANALYSIS**

The intent of the Water Vision was to initiate a City-wide discussion and an opportunity for public participation in the long-range (at least 50 years) planning of Folsom's future water supply. The planning process was structured into eight key stages across six workshops, including:

- Defining planning objectives to reflect city values, desired outcomes, and process goals
- Assessing risks and vulnerabilities in the current supply
- Screening potential projects for supply improvements
- Developing themed water supply portfolios
- Evaluating and refining these portfolios
- Identifying a recommended future supply portfolio
- Creating an adaptable roadmap for implementation
- Documenting the process in a comprehensive report

City staff along with WSC conducted six stakeholder and public meetings throughout the process of the Water Vision. The workshops covered the following:

- Workshop 1: Your Water Values & Goals
- Workshop 2: Our Drinking Water Supply
- Workshop 3: Confirm New Water Supply Alternatives
- Workshop 4: Future Water Supply Portfolios
- Workshop 5: Defining the Recommended Portfolio
- Workshop 6: Adaptable Implementation Roadmap

This amendment provides for additional work requested by EWR staff during the workshops and for two new items moving forward to complete the project. The additional items below are outside the original scope of work and staff request an amendment to the agreement to complete the work for the Water Vision process.

- Stakeholder meeting packets – WSC developed stakeholder meetings packets to provide to the stakeholder prior to each of the six meetings. This effort was not included in the original scope of work and benefited the process by having more focused and robust public meeting discussions because the stakeholders had time prior to the meetings to review the meeting content.
- Additional project team meetings – At the request of EWR staff, WSC conducted additional coordination meetings with certain stakeholders that provided specific feedback throughout the Water Vision process. This allowed for a better understanding of their comments, concerns, and ideas about the various topics covered during the six workshops and will allow WSC to better incorporate this information into the draft and final reports. This also included comments and feedback received during the process on the adaptive implementation roadmap that provided for the phasing and timing of recommended portfolio approaches.
- Supply and demand evaluations – EWR staff asked WSC to incorporate a risk-based calculation when evaluating existing water system vulnerabilities, which was not included in the original scope of work. This allowed the project team to identify the risk level of the various system vulnerabilities being evaluated while factoring in the probability of the event occurring and the impact of the event. The total risk for each challenge is composed of its impact on water supply and the likelihood of its occurrence.
- Enhanced Executive Summary – this request will provide for the development of a more graphically enhanced summary of the Water Vision process. This will provide for a document that is more accessible to the public without having to read the entire report and distills all the information into a user-friendly document.
- Public draft report comment log – this request will allow for the development of an appendix to document public comments and the associated responses to comments when the public draft report is circulated.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Water Vision process was not included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 operating budget. The Environmental and Water Resources Department is requesting a total appropriation of \$31,464 with \$15,732 to be appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Water Operating Fund (Fund 520) budget and \$15,732 to be appropriated in the Water Impact Fee Fund (Fund 456) for an updated

total contract amount of \$423,989. One of the allowed expenses for the Water Impact Fund is expenses due to dry years. Sufficient funds are available in the Water Operating Fund (Fund 520) and the Water Impact Fund (Fund 456) for this appropriation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15262 “Feasibility and Planning Studies”.

**ATTACHMENT**

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Submitted,

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