RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 311677

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 2 4 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO RETAIN THE LAW FIRM OF NIXON PEABODY LLP TO PROVIDE ONGOING LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S SECURING A U.S. EPA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT LOAN TO THE WATER SYSTEM FOR PURE WATER PROGRAM PHASE I PROJECTS AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, in July 2017, the City of San Diego (City) submitted a Letter of Interest to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and was invited to apply for a loan to be made by the EPA under authority of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), the proceeds of which loan (WIFIA Loan) would be used to assist in financing the cost of Pure Water Phase I Projects (Projects) because it is a low cost financing option; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Projects allocated to the City's Water System is currently estimated to be between \$700 and \$800 million; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it will apply for a WIFIA Loan of up to \$530 million; and

WHEREAS, the WIFIA loan program is a new federal program lacking in standard documentation and as a result, the City Attorney's Office is not able to provide legal services necessary to secure a WIFIA Loan; and

WHEREAS, Nixon Peabody LLP (Nixon) has relevant experience in a parallel federal loan program involving general infrastructure loans (TIFIA), the template documents for which Nixon helped draft, and it is anticipated that the loan documents for any WIFIA Loan will be very similar to those of TIFIA; and

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WHEREAS, it is also anticipated that Nixon's experience with credit agreements for

TIFIA loans will be directly on point with regard to the firm's ability to provide the highest

expertise with regard to its review and negotiation of credit agreements necessary to secure a

WIFIA Loan; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney requests authorization to retain Nixon to provide legal

services to assist the City in securing a WIFIA Loan; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego as follows:

1. That the City Attorney is authorized to enter into an agreement with Nixon,

substantially in the form on file with the City Clerk as Document No.

to provide ongoing legal services in connection with the

City's securing a WIFIA Loan. The amount authorized for ongoing legal services

shall not exceed \$157,500.

2. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed

\$157,500 related to the ongoing legal services.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City 3.

Council and approval by the Mayor.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By

Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept: City Attorney

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meeting of APR 172	101 was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at the 1018.
	ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk
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Approved: 42418 (date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor
Vetoed: (date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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