

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **316251**  
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE **JUN 16 2025**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A  
CONSULTANT AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$3,000,000 WITH GEORGE HILLS COMPANY FOR  
ADJUSTER SERVICES AND RELATED ACTIONS.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. Council Policy 400-10 provides standards for the City of San Diego's (City) response to water main break and sewer backups that impact private property, including claims adjustment. The purpose of Council Policy 400-10 is to maintain good public relations, reduce unnecessary court costs, and promote the prompt, efficient handling of claims that arise from water main breaks or sewer backups.
- B. The City seeks to retain a consultant to perform adjuster services related to damages and losses on private property resulting from City water main breaks or sewer backups consistent with Council Policy 400-10.
- C. In June 2024, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit adjuster services related to water main breaks and sewer backups on private property. Two firms submitted timely proposals in response to the RFP. City staff selected George Hills Company based on its qualifications in accordance with Council Policy 300-07.
- D. The City now desires to retain George Hills Company to provide the adjuster services related to damages and losses resulting from City water main breaks and sewer backups. The City and George Hills Company negotiated a Consultant Agreement, included in the docket

materials accompanying this Resolution. The Consultant Agreement is for a term of five years and an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

E. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

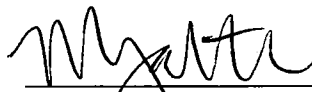
1. The Council approves the Services Agreement.

2. The Mayor or designee is authorized, on the City's behalf, to sign the Consultant Agreement. When signed by both parties, the Consultant Agreement will be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR- **316251**.

3. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to appropriate and expend funds under the Consultant Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, including up to \$2,000,000 from Fund 700011, Water Utility Operating Fund, and \$1,000,000 from Fund 700000, Muni Sewer Revenue Fund, contingent upon the adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the applicable fiscal year, and contingent upon the Chief Financial Officer first certifying that the funds necessary for expenditure are, or will be, on deposit with the City Treasurer.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By

  
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Michael D. Johnston  
Deputy City Attorney

MDJ:jn2:cw  
May 23, 2025  
Or.Dept: Public Utilities Department  
CC No.: 3000017741  
Doc. No.: 4070685

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on  
JUN 09 2025

DIANA J.S. FUENTES  
City Clerk

By Connie Patterson  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/12/2025  
(date)

Todd Gloria  
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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TODD GLORIA, Mayor

**The City of San Diego  
COMPTROLLER'S CERTIFICATE**

**CERTIFICATE OF UNALLOTTED BALANCE**

ORIGINATING

CC 3000017741  
DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_  
NO.: 2000

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the money required for the allotment of funds for the purpose set forth in the foregoing resolution is available in the Treasury, or is anticipated to come into the Treasury, and is otherwise unallotted.

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTING DATA									
Doc. Item	Funded Program	Fund	Grant Number	G/L Account	Functional Area	Business Area	Fund Center or Cost Center	Internal Order or WBS Element	Original Amount
TOTAL AMOUNT									

FUND OVERRIDE ☐

**CERTIFICATION OF UNENCUMBERED BALANCE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the indebtedness and obligation to be incurred by the contract or agreement authorized by the hereto attached resolution, can be incurred without the violation of any of the provisions of the Charter of the City of San Diego; and I do hereby further certify, in conformity with the requirements of the Charter of the City of San Diego, that sufficient moneys have been appropriated for the purpose of said contract, that sufficient moneys to meet the obligations of said contract are actually in the Treasury, or are anticipated to come into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation from which the same are to be drawn, and that the said money now actually in the Treasury, together with the moneys anticipated to come into the Treasury, to the credit of said appropriation, are otherwise unencumbered.

Not to Exceed: \$600,000.00

Vendor: George Hills Company

Purpose: Agreement with George Hills Company, for adjuster services regarding remediation and clean-up services on private property damaged by City of San Diego Water Main Breaks and Sewer Backups.

Date: May 13 2025 By: Jessica Tran and Elizabeth Warnock

COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTING DATA									
Doc. Item	Funded Program	Fund	Grant Number	G/L Account	Functional Area	Business Area	Fund Center	IO or WBS Element	Original Amount
1	Non-Program	700000		512059	OTHR-00000000-SU	2000	2000181401		\$200,000.00
2	Non-Program	700011		512059	OTHR-00000000-WU	2000	2000210001		\$400,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT									\$600,000.00

FUND OVERRIDE ☐

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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUN 09 2025, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry Foster, III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JUN 16 2025.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

DIANA J.S. FUENTES  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Linda Irwin, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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