

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316795

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 15 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM STOEL RIVES, LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND INTENT TO FILE SUIT LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA RIVER WATCH.

RECITALS

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

A. California River Watch (River Watch) mailed the Notice of Violation and Intent to File Suit letter (NOV) to the City on March 31, 2026. The NOV includes several claims of Clean Water Act violations by the City related to the wastewater system.

B. Stoel Rives, LLP (Law Firm) is currently under contract to assist the City with complying with a Consent Decree between the City and San Diego Coastkeeper and Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation, which deals in part with the City's wastewater system. Based on this experience, Law Firm has extensive knowledge of the City's wastewater system, the wastewater facilities included in the NOV, technical background, and has experience with the group River Watch, which is essential to assisting the City in responding to the NOV and potentially avoiding litigation.

C. The Office of the City Attorney recommends that the City retain Law Firm to provide the specialized legal expertise needed to assist the City in resolving the legal issues involved in the NOV. The NOV requires the City to meet and confer in good faith with River Watch in a timely manner. On May 27, 2026, the Purchasing Agent approved the Request and Certification for Sole Source Procurement.

D. 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:

The Council authorizes the City's retention of the Law Firm to provide legal services to the City related to the NOV.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By Christina L. Rae
Christina L. Rae
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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May 22, 2026
Or. Dept: Office of the City Attorney
Doc. No. 4440214

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on JUN 08 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/15/26
(date)

[Signature]
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on June 8, 2026, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. 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"/>
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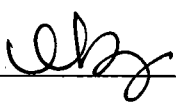
(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

(Seal)

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

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

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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