

RESOLUTION NO. 86-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO AN INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED
DECLARATION DOCUMENT AND APPROVING THE RICHMOND WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT COGENERATION FACILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond, (the “City”), is proposing to design and install a Cogeneration unit at Richmond's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) as identified in the WWTP Facility Plan and Sewer Collection System Master Plan (CSMP), at the plant located at 601 Canal Boulevard in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, California;

WHEREAS, the proposed project would result in the demolition of existing unused buildings at the WWTP and the construction of a new cogeneration facility, rehabilitation of the digester gas flares, implementation of digester gas mixing and digester sludge withdrawal improvements, and a digester cover replacement; and

WHEREAS, the project would require a Demolition Permit from the City and an Authority to Construct Permit from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Map; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2019, LSA Associates, an environmental consultant prepared an addendum to the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Project. The City previously certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project in December 2016, including adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The proposed project is a part of the project evaluated in the MND. The project analyzed in the MND assumed demolition of existing unused buildings at the WWTP and construction of a new cogeneration facility with the other improvements. The proposed building demolitions are consistent with the analysis performed in the original MND. Therefore, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program remain applicable and are incorporated into the proposed development (see Exhibit A).

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2019, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting to consider adopting an Addendum to the MND and considered written and oral information provided at the meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines, the Project is within the scope of the previously adopted Initial Study/MND for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Cogeneration Facility. An Addendum to the MND has been prepared pursuant to Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, and the Addendum concludes that analysis in the 2016 MND remains current and valid and does not change as a result of the project changes. Based on information and analysis contained in the Addendum, and pursuant to Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City Council finds as follows:

1. There are no substantial changes to the project that will require major revisions to the MND due to new, significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified in the MND.
2. Substantial changes have not occurred in the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken that require major revisions of the MND to disclose new, significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified in the MND.
3. There is no new information of substantial importance not known at the time the MND was certified that shows any of the following:

A) The project will have any new significant effects not discussed in the MND;

- B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous MND;
- C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
- D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous MND would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based on the above findings, the City Council does hereby adopt the attached CEQA Addendum, as set forth in Exhibit A.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held September 17, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Bates, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Choi, and Mayor Butt.
NOES:	None.
ABSTENTIONS:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
 CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
 (SEAL)

Approved:


TOM BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California	}	
County of Contra Costa	}	: ss.
City of Richmond	}	

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 86-19**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on September 17, 2019.



 Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond