

RESOLUTION 2026-
HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to conduct its business as needed to effectuate the purposes of the enabling legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council determined that a firm with expertise in auditing is necessary to support the Highlands Council's administrative operations; and

WHEREAS, to address the above need, on April 14, 2026 the Highlands Council issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide auditing services, which was mailed to a list of State certified auditors and posted on the Highlands Council's website; and

WHEREAS, three applicants submitted proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Evaluation Committee met on August 6, 2026 to discuss the qualifications of the applicants and agreed to recommend the firm that was best suited to meet the needs articulated by the Highlands Council's RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Evaluation Committee prepared a written report on August 26, 2026 and submitted it to the Highlands Council's Audit Committee for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee reviewed the recommendation of the Audit Evaluation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee recommends that the Highlands Council authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with {CONTRACTOR} for auditing services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or designees, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with {CONTRACTOR} for an amount not to exceed {AMOUNT} for services provided to audit Fiscal Year 2026, with optional Fiscal Years 2027 through 2030 at amounts not to exceed {AMOUNT} for auditing Fiscal Year 2027, {AMOUNT} for auditing Fiscal Year 2028, {AMOUNT} for auditing Fiscal Year 2029, and {AMOUNT} for auditing Fiscal Year 2030.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 15th day of October, 2026.

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

Vote on the Approval of Resolution	Motion		Second		Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Councilmember Alstede											
Councilmember Amoroso											
Councilmember Basralian											
Councilmember Bush											
Councilmember Dougherty											
Councilmember Kibler											
Councilmember Koop											
Councilmember Le Frois											
Councilmember Marano											
Councilmember Oswald											
Councilmember Smith											
Councilmember Van Abs											
Councilmember Visioli											
Chairman Richko											