

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

PRESENTED BY
COMMISSIONER _____

No. 25-1420
DATE September 9, 2025

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) is entrusted with the delivery of safe, reliable drinking water and the protection of critical public infrastructure serving residents and businesses in the City of Saint Paul and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity threats targeting municipal infrastructure—including water utilities—have significantly increased in scope and frequency, posing an immediate risk to public health, operational continuity, and community safety; and

WHEREAS, secure and timely access to data housed within SPRWS's Operational Technology (OT) systems is essential to enabling informed business and operational decisions across SPRWS's Information Technology (IT) systems; and

WHEREAS, Waterfall Security Solutions provides a proven, industry-standard unidirectional gateway solution that enables secure, one-way data transfer from OT to IT systems, eliminating risks associated with bidirectional connectivity while ensuring SPRWS can analyze and utilize OT data safely; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has recently experienced cybersecurity incidents that underscore the urgency of improving defenses across all critical infrastructure systems, including water services; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Water Commissioners wishes to stay on the forefront of security to ensure they have the most updated solutions system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners hereby affirms the continued use of the unidirectional gateway provided by Waterfall Security Solutions as a necessary and urgent measure to safeguard critical water infrastructure, enable secure OT-to-IT data exchange, and protect the health and safety of the residents of Saint Paul; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs staff to initiate a formal Request for Information (RFI) within a reasonable timeframe to identify and consider alternative solutions that meet our functional and technical requirements. Staff will provide a recommendation at a later date for the board to consider.

Water Commissioners

Adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Yeas

Nays

September 9, 2025

In favor

Opposed

Secretary

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