

1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA 90807-4931 562.570.2300 | Ibwater.org

Board of Water Commissioners

June 25, 2020 Board Meeting

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Subject:

Adopt Resolution No. WD-1432 authorizing the General Manager to sign and file all necessary documents associated with the application for the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation Fiscal Year 2021 WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for New Wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14.

Executive Summary:

The United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (BoR) WaterSMART Drought Response program establishes a framework to provide Federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies for the future. With WaterSMART Grants, BoR provides cost-sharing funding on a competitive basis to implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought.

The Fiscal Year 2021 funding opportunity provides for awards up to \$750,000 with a 50-percent match. The funding opportunity was announced in early May and applications are due on July 8, 2020. A resolution from the Board of Water Commissioners is required as part of the grant application.

LBWD staff and LBWD's contracted grant consultant, Engineering Solutions Services, reviewed BoR's funding package and recommends LBWD apply for a grant to support the construction of new wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14.

Recommendation/Fiscal Impacts:

Adopt Resolution No. WD-1432 authorizing the General Manager to sign and file all necessary documents associated with the application for the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation Fiscal Year 2021 WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for New Wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14.

Fiscal Impact: If selected, up to \$750,000 in 50-percent matching Federal funds will be available per the agreement. Construction of new wells Alamitos 9A and Alamitos 14 is estimated to cost approximately \$9,000,000 from FY 21 to FY 23. \$620,000 is included for these projects in the FY 21 Budget.

B. Anatole Falagan

Assistant General Manager

Christopher J. Garner

General Manager

Data

Attachment

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney 411 West Ocean Boulevard, 9th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802-4664

RESOLUTION NO. WD-1432

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WELLS ALAMITOS 9A AND ALAMITOS 14

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART Drought Response Program established a framework to provide Federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies for the future; and

WHEREAS, with WaterSMART grants, USBR provides cost-sharing funding on a competitive basis to implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Long Beach Water Department to receive and expend grant funding, the USBR requires the Board of Water Commissioners to adopt a resolution identifying the official with the legal authority to enter into an agreement with USBR, and authorize the official to commit the Long Beach Water Department to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of the WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant financial assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. Approves and supports the filing of an application with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for the WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Program funding and further authorizes the expenditure of funds or in-kind

28