

**Board of Water Commissioners**

August 4, 2022

CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER, General Manager

Subject

Adopt Resolution No. WD-1469 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 2023 WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for the Lawn-to-Garden Program.

Executive Summary

The United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART program establishes a framework to provide Federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies and renewable energy for the future. With the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant (WEEG), USBR provides cost-sharing funding on a competitive basis to projects that result in water savings, that implement renewable energy, and that support broader sustainability benefits.

Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) staff and LBWD's contracted grant consultant, Villa Civil, reviewed USBR's funding package and recommended that LBWD apply for a grant for the Lawn-to-Garden Program. This grant would fund the addition of one dollar per square foot by LBWD to the turf replacement incentive funding from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The Fiscal Year 2023 WEEG funding opportunity provides a three-tiered funding structure. LBWD will be applying to Funding Group 1 which awards up to \$500,000 with a 50-percent matching requirement. The funding opportunity was announced in April and applications were due on July 28, 2022. A resolution from the Board of Water Commissioners is required as part of the grant application and LBWD has up to 30 days after the grant application deadline to submit an approved resolution.

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. WD-1469 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 2023 WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for the Lawn-to-Garden Program.

Fiscal Impact: If selected, up to \$500,000 in 50-percent matching Federal funds will be available per the agreement. It is anticipated that \$1,000,000 in matching costs will be incurred and reimbursed by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The cost to the Water Fund will be incurred during FY 23 and FY 24 with the actual annual amounts unknown at this time, but the total amount will not exceed \$1,500,000. These costs are included in the Water Fund FY 23 and FY 24 Budget and financial projections.



B. Anatole Falagan
Assistant General Manager



Christopher J. Garner
General Manager

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. WD-1469

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF WATER
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN AND
SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED
WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
FISCAL YEAR 2023 WATERSMART PROGRAM: WATER
AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR THE LAWN-TO-
GARDEN PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, with WaterSMART grants, USBR provides cost-sharing funding
on a competitive basis to projects that result in water savings, that implement renewable
energy, and that support broader sustainability benefits; and

WHEREAS, the USBR grant would fund the addition of one dollar per
square foot by LBWD to the turf replacement incentive funding from the Metropolitan
Water District of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Water and Energy Efficiency Grant
funding opportunity provides a three-tiered funding structure. LBWD will be applying to
Funding Group 1 which awards up to \$500,000 with a 50-percent matching requirement;
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

1 resolution identifying the official with the legal authority to enter into an agreement with
2 USBR, and authorize the official to commit the Long Beach Water Department to the
3 financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of the WaterSMART Program Grant
4 financial assistance;

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

7 Section 1. Approves and supports the filing of an application with the
8 United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for Fiscal Year 2023
9 WaterSMART Program: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for the Lawn-to-Garden
10 Program, and further authorizes the expenditure of funds.

11 Section 2. Appoints the General Manager as agent of the Long Beach
12 Water Department to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents,
13 including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, in
14 compliance with all applicable laws, which may be necessary for the completion of the
15 aforementioned Project.

16 Section 3. Directs the General Manger to work with the USBR to meet
17 established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.

18 Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
19 adoption by the Board, and the Secretary to the Board shall certify the vote adopting this
20 Resolution.

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I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Board of Water
Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on
_____, 2022 by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: _____

Noes: Commissioners: _____

Absent: Commissioners: _____

Secretary
Board of Water Commissioners