

RESOLUTION NO. WD-1445

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 TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER  
ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of  
emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and, among other things, issued Executive  
Order N-42-20 prohibiting discontinuation of water service indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition on discontinuation of water service established  
by Executive Order N-42-20 ends on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, there have been economic impacts as a result of the COVID-19  
pandemic and associated public health measures, including leaving many Californians  
unable to pay their water and wastewater bills due to lack of reliable and consistent  
employment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the economic impacts of COVID-19, community  
water systems continue to be negatively affected by the state's drought conditions, making  
assistance critically important; and

WHEREAS, in response thereto, Section 19.55 (17) of the State Budget Act  
of 2021, as established by Assembly Bill No. 128 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021) and as  
amended by Senate Bill No. 129 (Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021), provided nearly \$1 billion  
to the State Water Resources Control Board ("Board") to administer the California Water  
and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (CWWAPP) to reduce delinquent water and  
wastewater balances for customers experiencing financial hardships related to the  
economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, eligible customers are all residential and commercial customers,  
2 past due bills mean any customer bills that are 60 days or more past due and includes both  
3 active and inactive accounts, as well as customer accounts that have payment plans or  
4 payment arrangements, and the COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period means the period  
5 starting March 4, 2020 and ending June 15, 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, to receive CWWAPP funding on behalf of eligible customers a  
7 community water system must complete both a survey and application including submitting  
8 all necessary data and information to support the water system's request for CWWAPP  
9 funding; and

10 WHEREAS, if there are insufficient funds, the Board will allocate funds on a  
11 proportional basis; and

12 WHEREAS, the Board will begin disbursing funds on or about November 1,  
13 2021 and complete distribution of funds by January 31, 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, within 60 days of receiving funds community water system must  
15 allocate payments as bill credits to customers to help address past-due bills incurred during  
16 the COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period and notify customers of the amounts credited to  
17 their accounts; and

18 WHEREAS, a community water system receiving assistance under  
19 CWWAPP may expend up to 3 percent, or up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever  
20 amount is less, of that assistance for costs incurred in applying for the assistance or  
21 complying with use and reporting conditions of the assistance; and

22 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 148 created customer protections that require a  
23 community water system to offer a payment plan to affected customers and refrain from  
24 discontinuing service until (1) September 30, 2021 or (2) for a customer that has been  
25 offered an opportunity to participate in a payment plan, the date the customer misses the  
26 enrollment deadline for, or defaults on, the payment plan, whichever is later; and

27 WHEREAS, the Long Beach Water Department operates a community water  
28 system with eligible customers that have past due bills during the COVID-19 pandemic bill

1 relief period;

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

4 Section 1. Approves and supports the Long Beach Water Department's  
5 participation in the CWWAPP.

6 Section 2. Appoints the General Manager to administer participation in the  
7 CWWAPP and execute any and all documents necessary or incidental thereto.

8 Section 3. Authorizes the General Manger to accept and expend  
9 CWWAPP funds in an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Twenty-Nine  
10 Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$1,429,543).

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

13 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Board of Water  
14 Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_,  
15 2021 by the following vote:

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17 Ayes: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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20 Noes: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

21 Absent: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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25 Secretary  
Board of Water Commissioners