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Board of Water Commissioners

CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER, General Manager

September 30, 2021 Board Meeting

Subject

Adopt Resolution No. WD-1446 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 2022 WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for the LBWD 2021 New Well Project.

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 2022 funding opportunity provides for awards up to \$2,000,000 with a 50-percent match. The funding opportunity was announced in late July and applications are due on October 5, 2021. 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 LBWD 2021 New Well Project. This project consists of the construction of four new wells – Camp Fire 1, Commission 23A, El Dorado 1, and Citizen 8A. It has a total estimated cost of \$16,000,000 and will begin in FY22 and is projected to be completed in FY 25.

Recommendation

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Fiscal Impact: If selected, up to \$2,000,000 in 50-percent matching Federal funds will be available per the agreement. Construction of the LBWD 2021 New Well Project is estimated to cost approximately \$16,000,000 from FY 22 to FY 25. These figures are included in the FY 22 budget and financial projections through FY 25.

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Attachment