
Meeting Date: August 20, 2025
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TITLE: **R-25-29 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Apply for Funding to the Water Trust Board for the Expansion of the Drinking Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge (ASR) Project**

ACTION: **Recommend Approval**

SUMMARY:

This Resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an \$18,000,000 application in the to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Expansion of Drinking Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge Project (ASR Project). The ASR Project enables the storage of San Juan-Chama water within the aquifer to meet future demand, particularly during years when surface water supplies are limited.

As a critical component of the Water Authority's 100-year Water Plan (Water 2120), the ASR Project supports long-term water resiliency. Requested funding will support permitting, design, and construction for the next phase of the full-scale direct injection recharge initiative, expanding the Water Authority's capacity to recharge and stored water for future use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Authority will provide a required 20% funding match, equivalent to \$3,600,000, which will be drawn from appropriated capital funds.

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-25-29

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY**
3 **AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO THE WATER TRUST BOARD FOR THE**
4 **EXPANSION OF THE DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT LARGE-SCALE**
5 **RECHARGE (ASR) PROJECT**

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water
7 Authority) intends to seek funding through the New Mexico Water Trust Board (WTB)
8 through the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) for the expansion of its Drinking
9 Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge (ASR) Project; and

10 WHEREAS, the ASR Project enables the storage of San Juan-Chama water
11 within the aquifer system to support future demand, particularly during periods of limited
12 surface water supply availability; and

13 WHEREAS, the ASR Project represents a critical component of the Water
14 Authority's 100-year Water Plan (Water 2120); and

15 WHEREAS, the Water Authority will request \$18 million in WTB funding and
16 commit to providing 20% local match, totaling approximately \$3.6 million.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

18 Section 1. That the Water Authority is hereby authorized to apply NMFA for
19 WTB funding in support of the ASR Project.

20 Section 2. That the Water Authority shall contribute approximately \$3.6 million
21 in matching funds for the project.

22 Section 3. That the Executive Director shall have the authority to enter into an
23 agreement associated with the financial assistance.

24 Section 4. That the Executive Director is directed to coordinate with the NMFA
25 and WTB to meet all applicable deadlines and requirements associated with entering
26 into a cooperative agreement.

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