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Meeting Date: March 18, 2026  
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**TITLE: R-26-7 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Apply for the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project**

**ACTION: Recommend Approval**

**SUMMARY:**

This Resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application in the amount of \$1,250,000 to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (NM DFA) Infrastructure Planning and Development Division for matching funding for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects (ALN: 15.074) for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project.

The ASR Project provides the ability to locally store San Juan-Chama water in the aquifer to meet demand, particularly in years of limited surface water supply availability. The ASR Project is a vital part of the Water Authority's 100-year Water Plan (Water 2120). This request would fund the match for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects for construction of a new, full-scale direct injection recharge project, increasing the Water Authority's capacity for recharge and stored water for future use. This new ASR project is located at the Arroyo del Oso (ADO) golf course.

This Resolution provides the Executive Director with the authority to enter into an Agreement with the New Mexico DFA Infrastructure Planning and Development Division related to this funding and all established deadlines.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Water Authority will be applying for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects for the ASR Project in the amount of \$5,000,000 and the \$1,250,000 will be the matching requirement.

