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Meeting Date: May 20, 2026  
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**TITLE: R-26-19 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Accept Grant Award/Agreement CG-02F89701-0 with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project**

**ACTION: Introduction and Immediate Action Requested**

**SUMMARY:**

This Resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to formally accept Grant Award/Agreement No. CG-02F89701-0 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of \$512,320. The funding will support the planning, permitting, and design of the new Arroyo del Oso Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project.

The ASR Project is a vital part of the Water Authority's 100-year Water Plan (Water 2120). This request would fund permitting and design of a new direct injection recharge project, increasing the Water Authority's capacity for recharge and stored water for future use. This project was identified during a feasibility study to evaluate potential aquifer storage and recovery projects as part of implementation of Water 2120. This new project will recharge San Juan-Chama surface water directly into the ground for recovery to meet demand, when needed in the future.

This Resolution further delegates authority to the Executive Director to execute all necessary agreements and documentation with the EPA, ensuring compliance with the terms of the grant and adherence to all applicable deadlines and reporting requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Water Authority will provide a locally funded cost-share of \$239,938, already allocated within the Water 2120 budget, as part of the total project investment. This contribution underscores the Water Authority's commitment to enhancing wastewater infrastructure and maximizing federal resources for the benefit of the community.

