
Meeting Date: October 18, 2023
Staff Contact: Marta Ortiz, Chief Financial Officer

TITLE: R-23-40 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for WaterSMART Grant Financial Assistance for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) is seeking WaterSMART grant funding assistance for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (ASR Project). The ASR Project provides the ability to 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 permitting, design, and construction of the next phase of the existing full-scale direct injection recharge project, increasing the Water Authority's capacity for recharge and stored water for future use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Authority will be providing a 50% match, or \$400,000.

