



Meeting Date: September 20, 2023
Staff Contact: Marta Ortiz, Chief Financial Officer

TITLE: R-23-27 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for Funding to the Water Trust Board for the Advanced Meter Infrastructure Project Phase 8

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application for a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project, which will replace approximately 14,000 existing water meters with AMI meters connected to the Water Authority's existing AMI network. Installation of modern smart meters saves money, delivers more accurate bills, and encourages users to conserve water.

The Water Authority has successfully installed AMI towers associated with AMI infrastructure and approximately 157,000 AMI meters, which represents replacement of over 75% of water meters throughout the distribution system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

To qualify for this grant, the Water Authority will provide a 50% match or \$1,000,000, which has already been appropriated through capital funds for this project.

