

Meeting Date: January 24, 2017

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TITLE: **R-18-5 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for Funding to the Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Grant for Drought Resiliency Projects**

ACTION: **Recommend Approval**

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application for a WaterSMART grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for a drought resiliency project. The project will be for the connection of the north-side and south-side non-potable water systems. This connection will provide for flexibility in reusing waste water and will allow water that is currently being used for irrigation on the north-side of town to be used for aquifer storage and recovery. This project was one of the selected alternatives for meeting future demand and preparing for climate change in Water 2120, the water resource management strategy that was adopted in September 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost share of the grant is at least 50% of the project and the maximum amount of the grant is \$750,000, so that is the amount the Water Authority would be responsible to match if the grant is received. If the grant is received the match would be included in the next Capital Improvement Program budget.

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

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RESOLUTION

3 AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY 4 AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR A WATER SMART 5 GRANT TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

6 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation is offering WaterSMART grants of up to
7 \$750,000 for drought resiliency projects; and

8 WHEREAS, the cost share on the grant must be 50% or more of the total project;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the water resources management plan, WATER2120 was approved
11 in September of 2016 and identifies specific drought resiliency projects; and

12 WHEREAS, connection of the north-side and south-side non-potable systems was
13 a selected alternative of WATER2120 to provide for flexibility of water reuse which will
14 assist in both drought resiliency and aquifer storage and recovery projects.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

16 Section 1. That the Executive Director is authorized to submit an application to
17 the Bureau of Reclamation requesting up to \$750,000 for drought resiliency projects in
18 accordance with the adopted water resources management strategy entitled Water 2120.

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