



Meeting Date: December 13, 2023
Staff Contact: Luz Carreon, Grant Administrator

TITLE: R-23-49 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for River Stewardship Program Grant for the SWRP Outfall Restoration Project

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority is seeking River Stewardship Program grant funding assistance for the Southside Water Reclamation Plan (SWRP) Outfall Restoration. The SWRP Outfall Restoration Project will create floodplain habitat areas that extend upstream and downstream of the SWRP treated effluent outfall into the Rio Grande and will also tie into existing restoration sites to the north and south of the project area. Additionally, the SWRP Outfall Restoration project will improve and enhance existing habitat areas through the removal of invasive species and the establishment of diverse, native riparian species. New community trails will be constructed throughout the project area, increasing access to this area of the Bosque and access for maintenance of the restoration areas will be improved. Completion of this project will improve water quality and will benefit the endangered Rio Grande Silvery Minnow. This project aligns with Water 2120, the Water Authority's 100-year water resources management strategy. Completion of the project will enhance the quality of life in the region (Policy K), through increased community trail access and will expand the Water Authority's work to protect the river, Bosque, and the species that live there (Policy J).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no match requirement for the River Stewardship Program grant.

1 Section 2. That \$0 in Water Authority matching funds will be required for the
2 River Stewardship Program grant.

3 Section 3. That the Executive Director shall have the authority to enter into an
4 agreement associated with the financial assistance.

5 Section 4. That the Executive Director will work with the New Mexico
6 Environment Department to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative
7 agreement.

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