



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Summary Minutes

Albuquerque/Bernalillo
County
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

Councilor Klarissa Peña, Chair
Commissioner Barbara Baca, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Frank A. Baca
Trustee Gilbert Benavides
Mayor Timothy M. Keller
Councilor Dan Lewis
Commissioner Eric C. Olivas
Councilor Louie Sanchez

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

5:00 PM

Vincent E. Griego Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peña called the meeting to Order at 5:00 P.M.

Present 6 - Klarissa Peña, Barbara Baca, Frank A. Baca, Eric C. Olivas, Gilbert Benavides, and Louie Sanchez

Excused 1 - Dan Lewis

Alternate 1 - Samantha Sengel

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Peña led the Water Authority in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 5, 2025

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Olivas, that this matter be to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Olivas, Sengel, and Sanchez

Excused: 1 - Lewis

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

A. Annual Innovation Award

The Annual Innovation Award was presented by Nick Lucas to Michael Johnson.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Next Scheduled Meeting – April 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Chair Peña announced the next scheduled meeting will be April 23, 2025 in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers at 5:00 P.M.

7. INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF LEGISLATION

- *A.** [R-25-11](#) Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Accept Grant Award/ Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Sengel, that this matter be Introduced (Immediate Action). The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Olivas, Sengel, and Sanchez

Excused: 1 - Lewis

- B.** [R-25-12](#) Establishing One Year Objectives for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority in Fiscal Year 2026 to Meet Goals

Introduced

- C.** [R-25-13](#) Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Borrower) to Enter Into a Loan Agreement With the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for the Purpose of Obtaining Project Loan Funds in the Principal Amount of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) Plus Accrued Interest; and Principal Forgiveness Funds In the Amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for a Total Funded Amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) Designating the Use of the Funds for the Purpose Defined in the Most Current Project Description Form as Approved by NMED; Declaring the Necessity for the Loan; Providing That the Loan Will Be Payable and Collectible Soley From A Super Subordinate Lien (But Not An Exclusive Super Subordinate Lien) On the Borrower's Net Revenues Defined Below; Prescribing Other Details Concerning the Loan and the Security Therefore

Introduced

8. CONSENT AGENDA

9. APPROVALS

- A. [R-25-7](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Water Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement By and Between the New Mexico Finance Authority (“NMFA”) and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (the “Borrower/Grantee”), In the Total Amount of \$902,500 (\$812,250 Grant Amount/\$90,250 Loan Amount), Evidencing a Special Limited Obligation of the Borrower/Grantee to Utilize the Loan/Grant Amount Solely for the Purpose of Financing the Costs of Planning and Designing Two New Direct Injection/Extraction Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Wells, and Solely in the Manner Described in the Loan/Grant Agreement; Providing for the Pledge and Payment of the Loan Amount and an Administrative Fee Solely From a Super Subordinate Lien (But Not An Exclusive Super Subordinate Lien) On the Net System Revenues of the Water and Wastewater Utility System of the Borrower/Grantee; Certifying that the Loan/Grant Amount, Together With Other Funds Available to the Borrower/Grantee, is Sufficient to Complete the Project; Approving the Form of and Other Details Concerning the Loan/Grant Agreement; Ratifying Actions Heretofore Taken; Repealing All Action Inconsistent With this Resolution; and Authorizing the Taking of Other Actions in Connection With the Execution and Delivery of the Loan/Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Sanchez, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Olivas, Sengel, and Sanchez

Excused: 1 - Lewis

- B. [R-25-8](#) Acknowledgement of the FY2024 Audit and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Olivas, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Olivas, Sengel, and Sanchez

Excused: 1 - Lewis

- C. [R-25-9](#) Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with Santa Fe County to Store Water in Abiquiu Reservoir on Water Authority Easements and Fee Simple Property

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Vice Chair Barbara Baca, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Olivas, Sengel, and Sanchez

Excused: 1 - Lewis

D. [R-25-10](#) Authorizing an Agreement for Water and Sewer Service for 7 Bar Retail

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Olivas, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Olivas, Sengel, and Sanchez

Excused: 1 - Lewis

*E. [R-25-11](#) Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Accept Grant Award/ Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

A motion was made by Chair Peña, seconded by Member Sanchez, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Peña, Baca, Baca, Olivas, Sengel, and Sanchez

Excused: 1 - Lewis

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. [OB-25-4](#) Federal Funding Update

Received

B. [OB-25-5](#) Water Report

Received

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

*** IF THE PROPER ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE WATER AUTHORITY, THESE ITEMS WILL BE PLACED ON TODAY'S AGENDA FOR FINAL ACTION**

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