



Meeting Date: October 22, 2025
Staff Contact: Marta Ortiz, Chief Financial Officer

TITLE: R-25-40 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for Match Funding Through the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for the Carnuel Wastewater Project

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit a \$300,000 application to the Infrastructure Planning and Development Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (NM DFA). The requested funds will serve as matching support for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant application related to the Carnuel Wastewater (WW) Project.

The Carnuel Wastewater Project aims to reduce the prevalence of failing septic systems within the designated project area, thereby mitigating groundwater contamination and improving water quality over time. Many residents in the project area rely on private domestic wells for drinking water, which are often compromised by nitrate contamination stemming from malfunctioning septic systems.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-25-40

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY**
3 **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR MATCH FUNDING THROUGH**
4 **THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE**
5 **CARNUEL WASTEWATER PROJECT**

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water
7 Authority) is seeking match funding from the New Mexico Department of Finance and
8 Administration (NM DFA) to support the planning and design of the Carnuel Wastewater
9 Project; and

10 WHEREAS, the Carnuel Wastewater Project is intended to reduce the number of
11 failing septic systems in the project area, thereby decreasing contamination and
12 improving groundwater quality over time; and

13 WHEREAS, the Water Authority will request \$300,000 in match funding from NM
14 DFA, to be combined with \$1,050,000 in existing funds from the U.S. Environmental
15 Protection Agency to advance the planning and design of the Carnuel Wastewater
16 Project.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

18 Section 1. That the Water Authority is hereby authorized to submit an
19 application for match funding in the amount of \$300,000 to the New Mexico Department
20 of Finance and Administration for the Carnuel Wastewater Project.

21 Section 2. That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into any
22 agreements necessary to secure and administer financial assistance.

23 Section 3. That the Executive Director shall coordinate with the NM DFA to
24 ensure compliance with all deadlines and requirements for entering into a cooperative
25 agreement.