



Meeting Date: September 17, 2025
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TITLE: R-25-32 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Apply for Funding to the Water Trust Board for the Expansion of the Drinking Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge (ASR) Project; Repealing and Replacing a Prior Authorization for this Purpose

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

This Resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an \$22,000,000 application in the to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Expansion of Drinking Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge Project (ASR Project). The ASR Project enables the storage of San Juan-Chama water within the aquifer to meet future demand, particularly during years when surface water supplies are limited. Resolution R-25-29 granted the Water Authority approval to submit an application for \$18,000,000 in funding; however, due to increased project costs, the requested amount has subsequently risen.

As a critical component of the Water Authority's 100-year Water Plan (Water 2120), the ASR Project supports long-term water resiliency. Requested funding will support permitting, design, and construction for the next phase of the full-scale direct injection recharge initiative, expanding the Water Authority's capacity to recharge and stored water for future use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Authority will provide a required funding match, equivalent to \$3,600,000, which will be drawn from appropriated capital funds.

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-25-32

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY**
3 **AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO THE WATER TRUST BOARD FOR THE**
4 **EXPANSION OF THE DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT LARGE-SCALE**
5 **RECHARGE (ASR) PROJECT; REPEALING AND REPLACING A PRIOR**
6 **AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS PURPOSE**

7 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water
8 Authority) intends to seek funding through the New Mexico Water Trust Board (WTB)
9 through the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) for the expansion of its Drinking
10 Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge (ASR) Project; and

11 WHEREAS, the ASR Project enables the storage of San Juan-Chama water
12 within the aquifer system to support future demand, particularly during periods of limited
13 surface water supply availability; and

14 WHEREAS, the ASR Project represents a critical component of the Water
15 Authority's 100-year Water Plan (Water 2120); and

16 WHEREAS, the Water Authority requested \$22 million in WTB funding and
17 commit to providing a local match, totaling approximately \$3.6 million; and

18 WHEREAS, the Water Authority Board previously approved R-25-29 which
19 authorized a request for \$18 million in WTB funding for this ASR Project, and this
20 resolution is intended to repeal and replace R-25-29 for purposes of updating the
21 funding amount to \$22 million.

22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:**

23 Section 1. That the Water Authority is hereby authorized to apply for NMFA
24 WTB funding in support of the ASR Project in the amount of \$22 million.

25 Section 2. That the Water Authority shall contribute approximately \$3.6 million
26 in matching funds for the project.

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

- 1 Section 4. That the Executive Director is directed to coordinate with the NMFA
2 and WTB to meet all applicable deadlines and requirements associated with entering
3 into a cooperative agreement.
- 4 Section 5. This resolution repeals and replaces R-25-29.