



Meeting Date: September 20, 2023
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TITLE: R-23-28 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for Funding to the Water Trust Board for the Expansion of Drinking Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge Project

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application for a grant in the amount of \$15,000,000 to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Expansion of Drinking Water Treatment Plant Large-Scale Recharge Project (ASR Project), which provides the ability to store San Juan-Chama water in the aquifer to meet demand, particularly in years of limited surface water supply availability.

The ASR Project is a vital part of the Water Authority's 100-year Water Plan (Water 2120). This request would fund permitting, design, and construction for the next phase of the existing full-scale direct injection recharge project, increasing the Water Authority's capacity for recharge and stored water for future use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant requires the Water Authority to provide a 10% match, or \$1,500,000, which has already been appropriated through capital funds for this project.

