



Meeting Date: August 21, 2024
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TITLE: R-24-20 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for Funding to the Water Trust Board for the Arsenic Treatment Facilities Project

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

This Resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application in the amount of \$15,000,000 to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for arsenic treatment facilities in the Thomas Well Field.

The Thomas Well Field has existing wells with a total production capacity of approximately 12.5 MGD. All the Thomas wells produce water above the drinking water maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 parts per billion. These wells are used in a limited capacity by blending with water from wells with low arsenic. These wells are located within a high-density part of the distribution system that is experiencing capacity issues. The Arsenic Treatment Facilities Project would improve system resiliency and drought preparedness, especially when surface water is not available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Authority would provide a 10% match, or \$1,500,000, which would come from appropriated capital funds.

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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE WATER TRUST BOARD FOR THE ARSENIC TREATMENT FACILITIES PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) is seeking New Mexico Water Trust Board (WTB) funding through the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) for the Arsenic Treatment Facilities Project; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Wells Project would improve system resiliency and drought preparedness, especially when surface water is not available; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Wells are used in a limited capacity for blending with water from wells with low arsenic; and

WHEREAS, the funding request for the Thomas Wells will be \$15 million from the WTB funding with 10% matching funds by the Water Authority.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

Section 1. That an application for funding from the WTB for the Thomas Wells Project will be submitted to the NMFA.

Section 2. That the Water Authority will provide approximately \$1.5 million in matching funds.

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

Section 4. That the Executive Director will work with the NMFA and WTB to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.