
Meeting Date: March 18, 2026
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TITLE: R-26-6 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Apply for the Small Surface Water and Ground Water Storage Project Grant Financial Assistance for the Arroyo Del Oso Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) is seeking Small Surface Water and Ground Water Storage Project grant funding assistance for the construction of Arroyo del Oso Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project.

The Arroyo del Oso Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project will expand the Water Authority's ASR capacity, adding an additional direct injection and recovery ASR well that will recharge up to 2,800 acre-feet per year of water to the local aquifer. Expansion of ASR is a key component of the Water Authority's 100-year water resource management strategy, Water 2120, and it increases the Water Authority's resiliency during persistent drought and reduced surface water supply.

This Resolution provides the Executive Director the authority to enter into an Agreement with the US Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation related to this funding and all established deadlines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Authority will contribute a 25% cost-share toward the project by applying for State Match funding as well as Water Trust Board funding.

