
Meeting Date: September 20, 2017
Staff Contact: Mark S. Sanchez, Executive Director

TITLE: R-17-15 – Amendment to the Approved Operating and Capital Implementation Program of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

ACTION: Approval

BACKGROUND:

The Water Authority stopped adding supplemental fluoride in 2011 based on the lack of agreed upon science at the federal level. During this period only naturally occurring fluoride remained in the drinking water. The naturally occurring levels averaged between 0.4 mg/L and 0.5 mg/L depending on the season and blend of water. In 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) finalized the guideline for fluoride in drinking water. Up to this point, there was no consistent science which both agencies agreed upon. In 2015, the United States Public Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control established final guidelines for optimal public water fluoridation.

SUMMARY:

During the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget, a policy amendment was adopted by the Governing Board directing staff to resume supplement fluoridation. This legislation provides the necessary appropriations in the FY18 Operating and Capital Implementation Program (CIP) budgets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action requests Board approval of the proposed amendment to the FY18 Operating and Capital Implementation Program (CIP) to appropriate funds for fluoride chemicals and accompanying equipment.

The amendment reallocates a combination of excess fund balance and savings from chemical expenses based on power savings by bringing new solar power projects online

The \$500,000 increase includes funding for the following:

- Increase of \$250,000 for chemicals; and
- Increase of \$250,000 in the transfer to CIP; and
- The creation of a CIP special project to purchase fluoride equipment.

Approval of this legislation is consistent with the policy adopted by the Governing Board.

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-17-15

1 RESOLUTION
2 AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPLEMENTATION
3 PROGRAM OF THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY
4 AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

5 WHEREAS, during the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget, a policy
6 amendment was adopted by the Governing Board directing staff to resume supplement
7 fluoridation;

8 WHEREAS, the Operating and Capital Implementation Program is governed by
9 the requirements established under Section 2-1-8, 2006, which provides for amendments
10 to the approved program; and

11 WHEREAS, appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018 that were
12 previously approved under R-17-9 and R-17-10 require an amendment to appropriate
13 additional funds for the cost of fluoride chemicals and accompanying equipment required
14 to supplement the drinking water provided to the general population.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

16 Section 1. That funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
17 (\$250,000) are hereby appropriated in the Chemicals-SJCWTP Program, Fund 21, for
18 Fiscal Year 2018.

19 Section 2. That funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
20 (\$250,000) are hereby appropriated in the transfer to the Capital Implementation Program
21 Fund 28 for Fiscal Year 2018.

22 Section 3. That funds transferred from Fund 21 to Fund 28 will be designated
23 for fluoride equipment.

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