
Meeting Date: November 16, 2017
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TITLE: R-17-20 – Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Carnuel Wastewater System Improvements Project

ACTION: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application for funding from the New Mexico Finance Authority Local Government Planning Fund. The purpose of this application is to obtain financial assistance in the amount of \$50,000 to plan and design a gravity sanitary sewer system for the high priority area in the Carnuel community.

The community of Carnuel mostly obtains their water from private wells and disposal through septic systems and is in urgent need of public water and wastewater systems. In addition, the Carnuel community's private wells are shallow and often co-exist in the same areas with poorly functioning, aging septic systems which have led to nitrate contamination in many of the wells. This project will assist in improving water quality in the Carnuel community and the Tijeras watershed.

In November 2008, the Water Authority and the Carnuel Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Association entered into an agreement for the Water Authority to act as fiscal agent and extend water and wastewater infrastructure using federal and state grants and loans. The extension of the water system to the Carnuel community started in 2009 and three of the eight phases have been completed. However, to date, no wastewater system extension has been designed. The only wastewater infrastructure is a sewer force main that is located in NM 333 which will become the backbone of the Carnuel wastewater system. There have been several community meetings regarding the proposed wastewater system in Carnuel. At the June 20, 2017 public meeting, the community requested that the Water Authority proceed with obtaining funding to start the planning and design of the sanitary sewer system for the high priority area.

When the wastewater system is constructed, the Water Authority will own and operate the system. Residents who connect to the system will pay Water Authority Ordinance rates and fees. System expansion is guided by the Bernalillo County Tijeras Canyon/Carnuel Plan which identifies priority areas for water and wastewater service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Water Authority is requesting \$50,000 in grant funding.

ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-17-20

1 **RESOLUTION**
2 **AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION**
3 **FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL TO THE NEW MEXICO**
4 **FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE CARNUEL WASTEWATER SYSTEM**
5 **IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (the
7 "Governmental Unit") is a duly organized, created and formed pursuant to NMSA 1978,
8 § 72-1-10 and is a qualified entity under the New Mexico Finance Authority Act,
9 Sections 6-21-1 through 6-21-31, NMSA 1978 ("Act"); and

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Finance Authority ("Finance Authority") is
11 authorized pursuant to the Act, particularly Section 6-21-6.4 of the Act, to make grants
12 from the local government planning fund (the "Fund") to qualified entities to evaluate
13 and estimate the costs of implementing feasible alternatives for meeting water and
14 wastewater public project needs; and

15 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act the Finance Authority has developed an
16 application procedure whereby the Governing Body may submit an application
17 ("Application") to the Finance Authority for planning grant financial assistance from the
18 Fund; and

19 WHEREAS, the governing body of the Governmental Unit (the "Governing
20 Body") desires to submit an Application for financial assistance from the Fund for a
21 Planning Document, as defined in the Rules Governing the Local Government Planning
22 Fund currently in effect and as specifically identified below, for the benefit of the
23 Governmental Unit; and

24 WHEREAS, the Governing Body intends to submit a Planning Document to
25 evaluate and estimate the costs of constructing a gravity sanitary sewer system for the
26 high priority area in the Carnuel community ("Project") for the benefit of the
27 Governmental Unit and its ratepayers and the Carnuel community; and

1 WHEREAS, the application prescribed by the Finance Authority to finance the
2 Planning Document in whole with financial assistance from the Fund has been
3 completed, submitted to, and reviewed by the Governing Body, and this Resolution
4 approving submission of the completed Application to the Finance Authority for its
5 consideration and review is required as part of the Application.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

7 Section 1. That all lawful actions previously taken by the Governing Body and
8 the Governmental Unit and their respective officers and employees in connection with
9 the Application and the Project are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

10 Section 2. That the completed Application submitted to the Governing Body is
11 hereby approved and confirmed.

12 Section 3. That the officers and employees of the Governmental Unit are hereby
13 directed and requested to submit the completed Application to the Finance Authority,
14 and are further authorized to take such other action as may be requested by the
15 Finance Authority in connection with the Application and to proceed with arrangements
16 for financing the Project.

17 Section 4. All acts and resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby
18 rescinded, annulled and repealed.

19 Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
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