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Meeting Date: August 21, 2019

Staff Contact: Katherine M. Yuhas, Water Resources Division Manager

**TITLE: R-19-18 — Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for Funding for a Water Smart Grant to the Bureau of Reclamation**

**ACTION: Recommend Approval**

**SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) to submit an application for a WaterSMART grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for an aquifer storage and recovery project related to Water2120. This project will provide additional capacity for storing surface water in the aquifer. Aquifer storage and recovery was one of the selected alternative for meeting future demand and preparing for climate change in Water2120, the water resource management strategy that was adopted in September 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

For this grant the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) will pay 25% of the cost and the Water Authority will be responsible for the other 75%. The maximum award from the BOR is \$750,000, so the Water Authority's share could be up to \$2,225,000. The fiscal impact would be up to \$2,225,000 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Program Fund for Water2120.

# ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-19-18

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY**  
3 **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR A WATER SMART**  
4 **GRANT TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

5 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation is offering WaterSMART grants of up to  
6 \$750,000 for research proposals that address water supply challenges; and

7 WHEREAS, the cost share on the grant must be 75% or more of the total project;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the water resources management plan, WATER2120 was approved  
10 in September of 2016 and identifies specific water supply projects; and

11 WHEREAS, additional aquifer storage and recovery projects are one of the  
12 selected projects in WATER2120.

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY:

14 Section 1. That the Executive Director is authorized to submit an application to  
15 the Bureau of Reclamation requesting up to \$750,000 for an aquifer storage and recovery  
16 project related to Water2120.

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