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Meeting Date: September 25, 2019

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**TITLE: R-19-21 – Authorizing the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority to Submit an Application for Funding to the Bureau of Reclamation for WaterSMART Grant BOR-DO-20-F002 for an Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project**

**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 BOR will pay 50% of the cost and the Water Authority will be responsible for the other 50%. The maximum award from the BOR is \$750,000, so the Water Authority's share could be up to \$750,000. The fiscal impact would be up to \$750,000 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Program Fund for Water2120.

# ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

BILL NO. R-19-21

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **AUTHORIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER UTILITY**  
3 **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE BUREAU OF**  
4 **RECLAMATION FOR WATER SMART GRANT BOR-DO-20-F002**

5 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation is offering WaterSMART grants of up to  
6 \$750,000 for projects that increase drought resiliency; and

7 WHEREAS, the cost share on the grant must be 50% 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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