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Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and the Bernalillo County to Increase the Tree Canopy

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides for a collaboration between the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) and the Bernalillo County in recognizing the importance of increasing tree canopy for improving the quality of life for residents in Bernalillo County in accordance with Policy J.6 of Water 2120.

Many of our Bernalillo County parks have strong and vital trees, yet are aging and are needing replacement or succession planting. Via this agreement the Water Authority will support the goal of Bernalillo County to plant 150 trees per year by purchasing mixed species trees through Trees of Corrales, the City vendor, in accordance with the City of Albuquerque agreement for the City Bid No. B2015000154 or subsequent bids, then provide the trees to the Bernalillo County to be planted in specified sites of Bernalillo County own facilities.

The coming planting season (September 2018 - June 2019) will be focused in districts 2 -4, which consist of district areas located Southwest and Northeast of Albuquerque metropolitan area. These areas consist of some of Bernalillo County most underserved rural area communities and parks; in all, there are about 45 County parks in district 2-4.

This MOU is effective upon the date of the signing of the last party hereto and shall continue through June 20, 2019. This MOU may be extended by the Bernalillo County and the Water Authority on a yearly basis, but no more than 10-years. This partnership could result in the planting of approximately 1,500 trees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$20,000 has been allocated from the FY19 rebate funding in the Water Conservation Program.