

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is committed to providing safe, reliable, and cost-effective water and power in a customer-focused and environmentally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, LADWP is developing and implementing a wide variety of solutions to increase reliability and maintain the high quality of water throughout the City of Los Angeles (City) through infrastructure improvements system-wide; and

WHEREAS, LADWP is developing and implementing comprehensive infrastructure, energy resource, grid modernization, electrification, and technical solutions to rapidly transform the Power System to sustainably achieve 100 percent Carbon Free Energy by 2035 pursuant to City Council File 21-0352; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to provide funding assistance to states, cities, municipalities, and various agencies through loan and grant funding programs to modernize and reinvigorate America's infrastructure with climate-ready investments in energy, transportation, water, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, the State of California's (State) previously allocated significant amounts in future years for water supply, drought response, and clean energy efforts; and

WHEREAS, many of the existing and new funding programs established by the IIJA/BIL, IRA, and State require an official resolution from the Board to authorize submission of an application for grant or loan funding; and

WHEREAS, notices of funding opportunities from Federal and State grant and loan programs have limited timeframes for preparation of applications and strict deadlines for application submittal requirements; and

WHEREAS, LADWP requires limited delegated authority to efficiently and expeditiously apply for funding opportunities to keep pace with funding opportunity deadlines and reasonably increase the probability of acquiring funds; and

WHEREAS, both LADWP Water and Power Systems have cumulatively requested and applied for billions of dollars in potential funding opportunities from Federal and State agencies; and

WHEREAS, these efforts have succeeded in winning much-needed funding for critical projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, LADWP Power System has been awarded \$48 million by the Department of Energy (DOE) in October 2023 via the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program Round 1 funding opportunity for distributed energy resource development; and

WHEREAS, LADWP Water System has been awarded \$30 million in grant funds from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Large Scale Water Recycling Grant Program and up to \$139 million in economic incentives from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Local Resources Program for and the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project; and

WHEREAS, LADWP Water System has been awarded \$5 million in grant funds from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Year 2024 for Valley Village Stormwater Capture Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) authorizes the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System and Senior Assistant General Manager – Power System or their designees to submit applications for Federal, State, and local grant and loan funding programs for eligible Water and Power System projects, programs, and partnerships and fulfill certain functions required to develop funding agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby designates the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System and Senior Assistant General Manager – Power System or their designee as the legally authorized representative to provide the assurances, certifications, commitments, and other related documents required for said grant and loan funding program applications and development and negotiation of funding agreements in order to meet all pertinent funding program deadlines and requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Water and Power Systems will notify the Board upon notice of award and issuance of grant/loan terms and conditions and obtain Board approval to accept the award and enter into funding agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby designates the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System and Senior Assistant General Manager – Power System as the legally authorized representative to enter into funding agreements or any amendments upon Board approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Water and Power Systems will seek Board approval to renew these delegation of authority on a biannual basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager or his/her designee shall provide semi-annual updates to the Board on grant and loan applications submitted,

status of previously submitted applications, notices of awards, and notices of unsuccessful applications submitted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, CITY ATTORNEY
October 18, 2024

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