

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has an obligation to provide, test, and store a reliable and dependable supply of safe, high-quality water to customers in the City of Los Angeles (City); and

WHEREAS, LADWP is committed to increasing the reliability and effectiveness of our water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the existing Water Quality Laboratory (WQL), currently located in Pasadena, is nearing the end of its useful service life; and

WHEREAS, LADWP requires advanced water quality testing technology to ensure the safety of the water supply and an appropriate facility to conduct these functions; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine the feasibility of Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) technology to reduce dependence on water from imported sources; and

WHEREAS, the East and West Reservoirs at the Headworks Water Complex, as part of Griffith Park, has a unique ability to expand recreational opportunities for visitors, including additional park space on the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the three components of the project shall collectively be known as the Headworks Site Development Project (Project), comprised of a new WQL, a DPR Demonstration Facility, and the Headworks Restoration Park; and

WHEREAS, upon completion, the proposed Project would result in increased safety and reliability of the water supply and provide public amenities to residents and visitors to the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project would further the ability to test and transmit local water supplies in the future and decrease dependence on imported water supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) recognizes that a study was conducted of the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project. This study is embodied in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) on file with the Secretary of this Board and is incorporated in this Resolution and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board makes the following further findings and determinations with respect to the proposed Project:

- LADWP is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared an IS/MND in compliance with CEQA.

- An IS/MND was prepared, which analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed Project. IS/MND was made available for public review from April 25, 2024, to May 28, 2024. Copies of IS/MND were made available for review at the LADWP Corporate Environmental Affairs Division and on the LADWP webpage (<http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>).
- A Notice of Intent to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration to review the IS/MND was prepared and mailed to entities believed to have an interest in the proposed Project. A public legal notice was published in the *Los Angeles Times* on April 25, 2024.
- Six written comment letters were received on IS/MND released for public review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been developed to ensure the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in the IS/MND. MMRP is on file with the Secretary of the Board as an attachment to the Board Letter and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board finds that the incorporation of these mitigation measures will lessen the environmental impacts of the proposed Project to a level of less than significant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board has reviewed and considered the environmental impacts contained in IS/MND, and that IS/MND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board finds based on the whole record before it, including IS/MND, that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed Project, with mitigation incorporated, will have a significant effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IS/MND, including the comment letters and responses, is on file with the Secretary of the Board and is incorporated in the Resolution, and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board adopts IS/MND, requires incorporation of the mitigation measures, adopts MMRP, approves the proposed Project, authorizes its construction, and approves the payment for permit, mitigation, and tribal support costs associated with the proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Accounting Employee of LADWP, upon approval of the Director of Corporate Environmental Affairs, is authorized and directed to draw demands on the Water Revenue Fund in payment of the obligations arising under this Board resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LADWP shall file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk within five working days after deciding to approve the proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporate Environmental Affairs Division will be the custodian of the record of proceedings for the proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President or Vice President of this Board, or General Manager, or such person as the General Manager shall designate in writing as his/her designee, or Director of Corporate Environmental Affairs, and the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or the Acting Secretary of this Board, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute in the name of LADWP all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and requests for payment necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant project.

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

Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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August 16, 2024



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