

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is committed to providing its customers with reliable, high quality, and competitively priced water services in a safe and environmentally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, LADWP is developing and implementing projects to ensure a sustainable, local supply of water for the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, LADWP is actively pursuing external funding for its projects; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity, on September 7, 2023, for \$450 million in grant funding available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law via the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects (Grant Program) for projects that can increase water management flexibility; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program is intended to fund large-scale water recycling projects that help communities develop local, drought-resistant sources of water supply that is less vulnerable to drought and climate change; and

WHEREAS, LADWP's Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project (Project) is anticipated to produce 22,000 acre-feet per year of purified recycled water from the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant, which will then be conveyed to and spread at the Hansen Spreading Grounds for replenishment of the San Fernando Groundwater Basin to provide a new drought-resistant source of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, LADWP's Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution 024 027, on August 15, 2023, authorizing the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System or his/her designee to submit applications for federal grants; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 024 027 further instructed the Water System to (1) notify the Board upon notice of award and issuance of grant terms and conditions and (2) obtain Board approval to accept the award and enter into a funding agreement; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, LADWP submitted a grant application for the Project to the Grant Program's Round 1 funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024, LADWP was notified that it was selected to receive a \$30,000,000 grant award for the Project from the Grant Program's Round 1 funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024, LADWP submitted a grant application for the Project to the Grant Program's Round 2 funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, LADWP's Board adopted Resolution 025 074 on October 8, 2024, which instructs the Water System to obtain Board approval to execute/enter into a funding/financial assistance agreement for the Grant Program's Round 1 funding opportunity once negotiated by the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System and Director of Water Resources ("Designated Officers") and their designees, for or on behalf of LADWP; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2024, LADWP was notified that it was selected to receive a \$30,000,000 grant award for the Project from the Grant Program's Round 2 funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, LADWP has been awarded a combined total of \$60 million in funding from the Grant Program's Round 1 and Round 2 funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, In November 2024, LADWP was notified that USBR will combine the \$60 million dollar award from Round 1 and Round 2 into one grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, USBR requires a Board Resolution to authorize LADWP to accept the award and to identify officers to fulfill functions required to prepare, negotiate, and execute/enter into a financial assistance agreement for the Board's approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby designates the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System and/or his/her designee as the legal authorized representative for LADWP to accept the Grant Program's Round 2 award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Director of Water Resources or his/her designee to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required to prepare and negotiate the Grant Program's combined Round 1 and Round 2 funding agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby designates the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System and/or his/her designee as the legally authorized representative for LADWP to execute/enter into the funding/financial agreement for the Grant Program's Round 1 and Round 2 awards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Designated Officers and their designees are further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of LADWP, to execute all papers, documents, certificates, and other instruments that may be required in order to carry out the authority conferred by this Resolution.

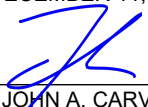
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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