

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 August 7, 2023, for \$55 million in grant funding available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act via the WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects Grant Program (Grant Program) for projects that can increase water management flexibility; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Program is intended to fund projects that increase water supply reliability and build long-term resilience to drought, reducing the need for emergency response actions; and

WHEREAS, LADWP's Stormwater Capture Parks Program provides an opportunity to capture and infiltrate stormwater for groundwater recharge to increase local water supplies amidst more frequent droughts; 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 2, 2023, LADWP submitted a grant application to the Grant Program for the Valley Village Park Stormwater Capture Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2024, LADWP was notified that it was selected to receive a \$5,000,000 grant award for the Project; and

WHEREAS, LADWP's Board adopted Resolution No. 025 075, on October 8, 2024, that designates the Senior Assistant General Manager – Water System and/or his/her designee as the legally authorized representative for LADWP to accept the Grant Program award for the purposes of preparing a Grant Program funding agreement; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 025 075 further 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 funding agreement; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 025 075 further instructs the Water System to obtain Board approval to enter into a funding/financial assistance agreement 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, USBR requires a Board Resolution to authorize LADWP to accept the award and to identify officers to fulfill functions required to prepare, negotiate, and 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 legally authorized representative for LADWP to enter into the funding/financial agreement for the grant award from the Grant Program.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, CITY ATTORNEY
DECEMBER 11, 2024

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