

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, FOR THE WATERSMART WATER RECYCLING AND DESALINATION PLANNING PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, as of July 2022, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that more than 93% of the land in nine of the Western states is in drought conditions, and nearly 60% of the area is experiencing extreme or exceptional drought; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) is the most populous city of California and the second most populous city in the United States. The City is primarily reliant on imported water supplies, which are highly vulnerable to cutbacks from droughts, environmental demands, natural disasters and infrastructure failures; and

WHEREAS, social and economic impacts associated with the City's water supply challenges include limited supplies to meet demands, increased cost of living, fire hazards, natural disasters, and rising imported water cost; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)'s WaterSMART Grant Program provides financial assistance for projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently and accomplish other benefits that contribute to sustainability in the Western United States (West); and

WHEREAS, water recycling projects develop and supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse—thereby improving efficiency, providing flexibility during water shortages, and diversifying the water supply; and

WHEREAS, these projects provide Los Angeles with new sources of clean water which increases water management flexibility and makes our water supply more reliable; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was passed in November 2021, which provided \$1 billion (\$1,000,000,000) over five years for Western water recycling programs through Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Reclamation's WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning Program (Grant) includes up to \$30 million (\$30,000,000) in funding available for feasibility studies, planning activities, preliminary design and environmental compliance activities that support the development of water recycling and desalination projects that will supplement existing fresh water supplies in urban and agricultural areas in the Western United States; and

WHEREAS, the City published L.A.'s Green New Deal (GND) in 2019 which set various targets to tackle the climate emergency, including sourcing 70 percent of the City's water locally and recycling 100 percent of all wastewater for beneficial reuse by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Sanitation seeks to meet the GND's targets with the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant Water Purification Facility Project and the Hyperion 2035: Phase 1 Project (Projects), which will deliver 15.5 million gallons per day (MGD) by 2027 and 50 MGD of recycled water by 2035, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Sanitation is submitting two applications to the Grant to request up to \$5 million (\$5,000,000) in funding to support planning and design of each of the Projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Authorizes the Director and General Manager of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests etc., by the deadlines established by the grantor, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure the WaterSMART Water Recycling and Desalination Planning Project Grant Program, through the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, in an amount not to exceed **\$5 million (\$5,000,000) EACH**, for the implementation of the **HYPERION 2035 PHASE 1 AND D.C. TILLMAN ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION WATER RECYCLING PLANNING PROJECTS**.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL on: _____.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF 3/10/2023
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS



By Maria V. J.
DEPUTY

City Clerk