

Agenda Report

December 7, 2009

To: CITY COUNCIL

From: CITY MANAGER

Subject: Adopt a Resolution to Authorize Pasadena Water and Power to Apply for a Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000 from the State of California's Water Resources Control Board for a Facilities Planning Study for the Water Recycling Program

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the development of a facilities planning study is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262.
2. Adopt a resolution to authorize Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) to apply for a grant from the State of California, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for a planning study for PWP's recycled water project.

BACKGROUND

The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act (2000 Bond Law), Proposition 13, authorizes the SWRCB to provide planning grants to public agencies for facilities planning studies. The grants cover 50 percent of eligible costs up to \$75,000 per study.

PWP will be submitting a funding application to SWRCB for the project identified in the Water Division's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Reclaimed Water.

Reclaimed Water Project

PWP is in the process of developing recycled water facilities, which will allow the delivery of up to 6,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water produced at the Los Angeles/Glendale Water Reclamation Plant to Pasadena. PWP's ultimate goal is to

maximize the use of recycled water and to reduce the use of imported and local potable water supplies for non-potable applications.

To achieve this goal, PWP is developing a detailed recycled water facilities plan. This plan will build on previous studies, which evaluated potential recycled water customers and pipeline alignments.

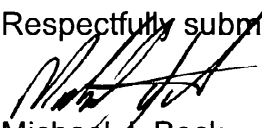
PWP will use the planning grant from the SWRCB to update the 2005 Recycled Water Feasibility Study, and prepare for implementation of the optimal, near-term alternative in accordance with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Title XVI criteria. Title XVI is a water reuse and recycling program, which provides funding for planning and construction of water recycling projects in partnership with local governments. PWP's reclaimed water project was approved in the Title XVI program for a 25% USBR grant.

The facilities planning study is exempt from CEQA review, pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, because it is a study for possible future actions that the City has not approved, adopted or funded and should not have a legally binding effect on later activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

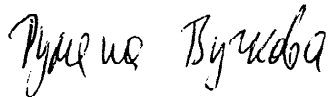
This grant in the amount of \$75,000 will help fund 50% of the cost of PWP's planning Study. The other 50% of the planning study cost will come from PWP's Capital Improvement Project budget for the Reclaimed Water Project CIP #1013. There is no application fee required for this grant.

Respectfully submitted,



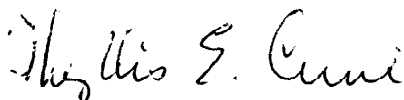
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PASADENA WATER AND
POWER DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR PLANNING RECYCLED
WATER FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Pasadena Water and Power Department ("PWP") provides
potable water service to approximately 175,000 people; and

WHEREAS, PWP is in the process of developing recycled water facilities which
will allow the delivery of up to 6,000 acre-feet recycled water produced at the Los
Angeles/Glendale Water Reclamation Plant to reduce the use of potable water for non-
potable applications; and

WHEREAS, the California Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed
Protection and Flood Protection Act (Proposition 13) authorizes the State Water
Resources Control Board to provide planning grants for planning recycled water
facilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The General Manager of the Pasadena Water and Power Department is
hereby authorized to apply for a grant from the State Water Resources
Control Board in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for a facilities planning
study for the recycled water project.
2. The General Manager of the Pasadena Water and Power Department is
further authorized to take all actions as may be necessary to administer and

fulfill the terms of the grant and serve as the City's authorized representative for all purposes related thereto.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the _____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Assistant City Attorney