

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN WATER AND POWER INDUSTRY GROUPS, APPROVE PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES AND OTHER COSTS, AND TO EXECUTE AND IMPLEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE JOINT PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THROUGH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, the Pasadena Water and Power Department (“PWP”) participates in numerous utility associations or agencies that enable collective information exchange, research, and advocacy with respect to water and power infrastructure, operations, and related issues, including the California Municipal Utilities Association (“CMUA”), the American Public Power Association (“APPA”), and the Association of California Water Agencies (“ACWA”); and

WHEREAS, association and agency memberships provide valuable information, resources, and services that reduce direct and administrative costs that would otherwise be incurred by the City; and

WHEREAS, members of associations and agencies may designate representatives on governing boards or committees that authorize or direct activities including, but not limited to, policies, procedures, procurement, advocacy, and selection of staff; and

WHEREAS, PWP recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution providing the General Manager with the necessary authority to continue membership in water and power utility associations, agencies, and industry groups such as CMUA, where such participation serves the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code section 6500 et seq.), allows two or more public agencies to create a third independent

agency (Joint Powers Authority or “JPA”) through a joint powers agreement, if authorized by their legislative or other governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a JPA enables the founding public agencies to jointly share a common power, implement a program, build new facilities, or deliver a service; and

WHEREAS, the city of Pasadena is a member of one such JPA, the Southern California Public Power Authority (“SCPPA”) for the purpose of providing joint planning, financing, construction, and operation of transmission and generation projects; as well as collaborative advocacy, value-added services, and joint procurement to enhance operational efficiencies and increase savings for its members; and

WHEREAS, PWP recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution to formalize the General Manager’s authority to enable Pasadena to participate in joint procurement activities conducted by JPAs of which the City is a member, such as SCPPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The General Manager of the Water and Power Department is hereby authorized to apply for membership, sign participation agreements, and authorize payment of membership dues for associations, agencies or industry groups representing the interests of municipal water and power utilities. This authorization includes the payment of any pro-rata share of expenses for professional services incurred by such industry groups, so long as such agreements and payments are consistent with the authorizations described in the Agenda Report approved by the City Council on March 23, 2020, accompanying this Resolution.

2. The General Manager of the Water and Power Department is hereby authorized to act as a representative, or designate a representative, on the Board of Directors or any other committee established by an association or agency of which

PWP is member, and take actions as may be required in that capacity including, but not limited to, advocacy, policies, procurement, and selection of staff.

3. The General Manager of the Water and Power Department is hereby authorized to participate in JPA joint procurement activities when Pasadena is a JPA member without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (H) (Contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies, or services), when it is in the best interest of the City. This authorization includes signing participation memos or task order agreements with the JPA that commit Pasadena to fund its pro-rata share of the associated products and services.

Adopted at the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the ____ day of April, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lisa Hosey
Assistant City Attorney