

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA,
CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA WATER
AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Section 19.55 (17) of the State Budget Act of 2021, as established by Assembly Bill No. 128 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021) and as amended by Senate Bill No. 129 (Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021), provided nearly \$1 billion to the State Water Resources Control Board (“Board”) to administer the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (“CWWAPP”) to reduce delinquent water and wastewater balances for customers experiencing financial hardships related to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, funding for CWWAPP is payable from the State’s share of the federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 148 (Chapter 115, Statutes of 2021), formally established the CWWAPP within the Board, enumerating the program’s requirements for water and wastewater system participation; and

WHEREAS, “eligible customers” means all residential and commercial customers; “past due bills” means any customer bills that are 60 days or more past due and includes both active and inactive accounts, as well as customer accounts that have payment plans or payment arrangements; and the “COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period” means the period starting March 4, 2020 and ending June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena operates a community water system with eligible customers that have past due bills during the COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period; and

WHEREAS, to receive CWWAPP funding on behalf of eligible customers a community water system must complete both a survey and application including submitting all necessary data and information to support the water system’s request for CAPP funding; and

WHEREAS, if there are insufficient funds, the Board must allocate funds on a proportional basis; and

WHEREAS, if there are sufficient funds to reimburse the total amount of reported arrearages and revenue shortfalls of community water systems, the Board shall establish a program for funding wastewater service provider arrearages and shortfalls in accordance with the remaining funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board must begin disbursing funds for drinking water arrearages no later than November 1, 2021 and complete distribution of funds by January 31, 2022; and if sufficient funds remain, the wastewater arrearage aid must start following substantial completion of the water service program and in no instance later than February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a community water system receiving assistance under CWWAPP may expend up to 3 percent, or up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever amount is less, of that assistance for costs incurred in applying for the assistance or complying with use and reporting conditions of the assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Pasadena, that the Water and Power Department's participation in CWWAPP is hereby approved and that the General Manager or his or her designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all program documents for participation on behalf of the City of Pasadena.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Adopted by the following vote at the meeting of the City Council on the ___ Day of ___, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lisa Hosey
Assistant City Attorney