

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRICITY BACKUP ASSETS PROGRAM, BULK GRID ASSET ENHANCEMENTS FOR GRID RELIABILITY GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CITY OF PASADENA WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (“AB 32”) initiated over a decade of increasingly aggressive laws and regulations designed to reduce California’s greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 1279, requires statewide GHG reduction to be 85% below 1990 levels by 2045; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 100 (2018) requires that 100% of electric retails sales to end-use customers must be served with eligible renewable and zero-carbon resources by 2045; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 1020 (2022) adds interim targets to accelerate California’s trajectory to achieving SB 100’s 2045 zero-carbon goal; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution Number 9977 which set a policy goal to source 100% of Pasadena’s electricity from carbon-free sources by the end of 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, power utilities such as Pasadena Water and Power (“PWP”) must produce an Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) every five years that guides long-term local electricity sourcing; and

**WHEREAS**, IRPs are obligated, by regulation, to represent planning strategies that meet GHG reduction requirements, while ensuring electric reliability and affordable rates, among other requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2023, the City Council adopted PWP’s 2023 IRP, which incorporates the goals of Resolution 9977 and accelerates Pasadena’s decarbonization efforts by 15 years compared to State requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funding efforts are included in the 2023 IRP as a strategy to help offset the additional costs associated with Pasadena’s ambitious decarbonization plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Distributed Electricity Backup Assets Program, Bulk Grid Asset Enhancements for Grid Reliability (“DEBA/Bulk Grid”) Grant, offered by the California Energy Commission (“CEC”), aligns well with the 2023 IRP goals as it provides funding towards a Battery Energy Storage System (“BESS”) project within Pasadena and would reduce the cost burden on the City’s ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of the DEBA/Bulk Grid Grant for a BESS project within Pasadena is conditioned on the City of Pasadena’s compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and

**WHEREAS**, awardees of the DEBA/Bulk Grid Grant must provide an authorizing resolution approved by its governing authority to enter into an agreement with the CEC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The General Manager of PWP, or designee, is hereby authorized to apply for a DEBA/Bulk Grid Grant in the amount of \$9,660,000.
2. The City Manager of the City of Pasadena, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the CEC, from any resulting grant(s) described in Item 1 of this Resolution; and
3. The General Manager of PWP, or designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for all matters related to the application, administration, implementation and any subsequent activities related to the administration of the grant agreement.

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Adopted at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_ day of April 2024,  
by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Mark Jomsky  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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Lisa Hosey  
Assistant City Attorney