

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES THROUGH ITS URBAN AND MULTIBENEFIT DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CRITICAL WELL REHABILITATION FOR DROUGHT RESPONSE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL APPLICATION AND GRANT AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, in 2017, the State of California notified the City of Fresno (City) of upcoming groundwater regulations for 1,2,3 – Trichloropropane (TCP) that set the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at 5 parts per trillion (ppt) and required that wells with detections of TCP above the MCL either must have advanced wellhead treatment systems or be taken offline; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 of the City's drinking water wells have been impacted by TCP since the regulations were implemented in 2018, and most of those impacted wells have been taken offline; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2017, the City entered into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for a Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant that funded the design of advanced wellhead treatment systems for three critical TCP-impacted wells in order to return those critical wells to service; and

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Public Utilities (DPU) proposes to implement a Critical Well Rehabilitation for Drought Response Project (Project) to install advanced wellhead treatment systems at the three critical TCP-impacted wells; and



WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80) allocated \$300 million to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to deliver grants for interim and immediate drought relief to urban communities and for multibenefit projects; and

WHEREAS, in October 2021 the DWR issued the Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package establishing the process, procedures, and criteria that the DWR will use to implement the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, grants awarded under the Program are intended to provide water to communities that face the loss or contamination of their water supplies, to address immediate impacts on human health and safety, and to protect fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the Project is being implemented in response to a drought scenario, as defined by Water Code section 13198(a) and is intended to (1) address immediate impacts on human health and safety; (2) address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources; or, (3) provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

WHEREAS, DPU intends to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of Budget Act

of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, §80), the Director of Public Utilities, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the Department of Water Resources for the Critical Well Rehabilitation for Drought Response, and to take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.

2. The Director of Public Utilities, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.

3. The Director of Public Utilities, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, Todd Stermer, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Mayor Approval: _____, 2022
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2022
Mayor Veto: _____, 2022
Council Override Vote: _____, 2022

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____ Date
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Jennifer M. Quintanilla
Senior Deputy City Attorney