

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, FOR A WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 FOR THE FRESNO RECLAIMED IRRIGATION SYSTEM PROJECT, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OR DESIGNEE(S) TO EXECUTE ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is a unit of local government with water delivery authority within the western United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation has issued a funding opportunity under the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Metropolitan Water Resources Management Plan calls for reducing the use of groundwater and conservation of water resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has issued a mandate to reduce municipal water use in the City of Fresno by 28 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is a special purpose district with flood control and water resource management responsibility, and operates 72 groundwater recharge basins within the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has identified four basin sites suitable for conversion of landscape irrigation systems from potable water

service to non-potable water service, to reduce potable water consumption by 128 acre feet, or 41,708,928 gallons, annually; and

WHEREAS, the FMFCD Irrigation System Retrofit Project is consistent with the Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan and will reduce the use of potable water with the use of basin water and lessen groundwater extraction from the local aquifer; and

WHEREAS, eligibility for WaterSMART grants is limited to entities with water or power delivery authority and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is ineligible to apply independently, but can act as a co-applicant; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Fresno's constituents to facilitate submission of a WaterSMART Grant application to fund a project whose result is significant savings of surface water and groundwater, particularly in this time of serious and ongoing drought; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Board of Directors has adopted a resolution authorizing joint application with the City of Fresno to the Bureau of Reclamation for the FMFCD Irrigation System Retrofit Project, and authorizing the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District to bear all project design, construction, and maintenance costs and responsibilities not covered by the WaterSMART grant; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has funds budgeted in the 2015/16 fiscal year to meet the fifty percent cost match commitment for the FMFCD Irrigation System Retrofit Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities is desirous of submitting a WaterSMART Grant application to fund said project to reduce potable water demands in the City's service area.

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

1. The City of Fresno may submit a WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 to the Bureau of Reclamation, acting as lead applicant, with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District as co-applicant.

2. The City of Fresno Public Utilities Director, or designee(s), is authorized and empowered to execute the application in collaboration with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.

3. The Fresno Reclaimed Irrigation System Project is being submitted as a Group I project, which awards up to \$300,000, and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is prepared to fund fifty percent or more of the project.

4. The City Attorney is authorized to execute program related agreements, certifications, assurances, and opinions.

5. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the City certifies it has legal authority to participate in the grant program with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and enter into a cooperative agreement.

6. Nothing in this Resolution binds or obligates the City's general fund, taxing authority, or borrowing power.

7. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

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

I, YVONNE SPENCE, 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 _____, 2015.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2015
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2015
Mayor Veto: _____, 2015
Council Override Vote: _____, 2015

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Amanda B. Freeman [Date]
Deputy City Attorney

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