

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION 3217

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION FOR AND APPROVING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER WATERSMART DROUGHT RESILIENCY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County (Western) is a municipal water district established pursuant to Section 71000 et seq. of the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, Western's imported water supply is facing a growing list of challenges associated with prolonged drought on the Colorado River, Delta instability, climate change, aging infrastructure, and growing population; and

WHEREAS, the western Riverside County region has been experiencing water quality issues in the local groundwater supply; and

WHEREAS, through the development of Western's Drought Contingency Plan, several well treatment projects were identified by various agencies; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) under the WaterSMART Drought Resiliency (WaterSMART) Program will make funding available to qualifying applicants; and

WHEREAS, Western's Board of Directors, in partnership with Rubidoux Community Services District and Riverside Highland Water Company, has identified a project that exemplifies the objectives of the WaterSMART program in its Building Groundwater Reliability and Resiliency: Regional Well Installation and Water Quality Treatment Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, all applicants wishing to obtain state and federal funding are required to provide a resolution designating Authorized Agents to act on behalf of the applicant to receive these funds from the USBR; and

WHEREAS, Western desires to designate the General Manager and his designee as Authorized Agents for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Rubidoux Community Services District and Riverside Highland Water Company agree to let Western be the lead applicant on the grant application; and

WHEREAS, Western, in partnership with Rubidoux Community Services District and Riverside Highland Water Company, agree to the administration and cost requirements of the grant criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors that:

1) Western is hereby authorized to receive, if awarded, the WaterSMART funding and will make a good faith effort to enter into an agreement with the USBR for the receipt and administration of said grant funds and agree to abide by the federal award terms and conditions as set forth in the Articles of Agreement;

2) The General Manager Craig Miller, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all action which may be necessary for the completion and execution of the Project agreement and to take any and all other action which may be necessary for the receipt and administration of the grant funding in accordance with the requirements of the USBR;

3) This resolution officially becomes a component part of Western's grant application that will be submitted to the USBR before June 15, 2022;

4) Western is capable of providing the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the grant application funding plan;

5) This resolution shall be effective as of the date of adoption.

6) The Recitals as set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this resolution.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of May, 2022.

BRENDA DENNSTEDT
President

May 18, 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution 3217 adopted by the Board of Directors of Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County at its regular meeting held May 18, 2022.

MIKE GARDNER
Secretary-Treasurer