

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART DROUGHT RESILIENCY PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in response to extreme and prolonged drought, the Santa Barbara City Council awarded a Design-Build-Operate contract on July 21, 2015, to reactivate the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant (Desal Plant) up to a capacity that will provide 3,125 AFY of a drought-proof drinking water supply;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara is pursuing the construction of a transmission pipeline that would allow the City to move desalinated water throughout the entire service area and to the South Coast Conduit, improving local and regional drought resiliency and water supply reliability;

WHEREAS, the transmission pipeline project would provide opportunities for water supply agreements and exchanges among agencies on the South Coast and communities receiving water from the Santa Ynez River;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to seek grant funding to lessen financial impacts to the City's water customers;

WHEREAS, in addition to grant funding, the City is pursuing a California Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the capital project costs over a 20 year period; and

WHEREAS, within 30 calendar days of the grant application due date, the Federal Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) requires the passage of an official resolution from an applicant's governing body to authorize submittal of applications for the WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Public Works Director may be legally authorized to enter into an agreement; provided, such authorization is granted by resolution or ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara.

SECTION 2. The City of Santa Barbara Water Resources Division and the Water Fund have the capability and financial or in-kind resources, as provided for in the adopted operating budget and six year Capital Improvement Program, to match the Bureau maximum grant award amount of \$750,000.

SECTION 3. The City of Santa Barbara will meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

SECTION 4. The Public Works Director, or designee, has reviewed and supports the application as submitted to the Bureau for grant funding, and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, and submit said funding application.