



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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Section Name: CONSENT CALENDAR
Project ID: GR2310

MEETING DATE: November 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-32, an Authorization Resolution for the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) construction grant application and authorization to execute documentation for grant funding with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Leon Housing Water Consolidation Project.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: FINANCE, RICK ARAGON

GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute application documents to be submitted to the SWRCB through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and approve authorization to apply to EPA's Resilience Grant Program for construction grant funding.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Grant funding for the Leon Housing Project (Project) will have a positive impact to the Domestic fund by providing funding to continue with water consolidation of 4 small water systems (SWSs) which is an extension of the East Coachella Valley Water Supply Project (ECVWSP) Priority No. 2 Project – Valley View Mobile Home Park (MHP) Water Consolidation Project.

Total cost for the Project is estimated at \$6 million. The Project cost and number of connections being consolidated results in a high cost per connection which exceeds the State's Intended Use Plan (IUP) of \$80k per connection.

The EPA Resilience Grant Program was announced in October 2023. The strategic plan of EPA is designed to be used in conjunction with other source funding to address water quality needs. CVWD applied for funding for this grant program by the application deadline of November 7th to maximize grant funding and leverage both Federal and State grants. If Board approval is not granted, the application for EPA funding would be rescinded. The total EPA award amount depends on the submitted competitiveness of the applications but may either fully fund the project if the full amount requested is granted or reduce the cost per connection sufficiently to all DWSRF to fund the remaining portion of the project.

PROCUREMENT METHOD:

☒ N/A

If other, please explain: .

BACKGROUND

The objective of the Project is to improve the reliability, safety, and security of the water supply for rural DACs for drinking water and fire protection within the CVWD service area that are not currently connected to the CVWD potable water system through water consolidation. A total of 38 service connections will be consolidated into CVWD's system; this correlates to a population of about 152. Leon Housing, Duran's Farms, Villa De Josue, and Oscar Cruz MHP will have increased drinking water system resilience by always receiving accessible drinking water, even if there is another drought given CVWD's access to water, reliability, and dependability.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

On September 27, 2022, the Board approved the grant application for the ECVWSP update and consolidation planning project. The application which includes the Project, was submitted to request funding for design and environmental documentation dollars, but the grant has yet to be executed.

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S)/OBJECTIVES(S):

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

☒ Yes, attachments included:

Notice of Exemption (previously filed)

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 – Resolution No. 2023-32 - Leon Housing DWSRG Authorizing Resolution

Att 2 – State of Calif. 2023 Env. Doc. Filing Fee (Notice of Exemption)

Att 3 – Leon Housing Project Map