

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-282**

**AMENDING AUTHORIZATION REGARDING A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DRINKING WATER FACILITIES SERVING COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 30 AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 32, REFERRED TO AS THE FRESNO COUNTY WESTSIDE GROUNDWATER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the drinking water produced by the facilities serving County Service Area No. 30 – El Porvenir (CSA 30) and County Service Area No. 32 – Cantua Creek (CSA 32), regularly exceeds the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, maximum contaminant level (MCL) for disinfection byproducts; and

WHEREAS, the prolonged drought has caused substantial increases in the price of raw water purchased from Westlands Water District, delivered through the California Aqueduct; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) assists in the financing of capital improvements to community drinking water facilities through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF); and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno (County), through the Department of Public Works and Planning (Department), is working under a SWRCB grant to plan improvements to develop groundwater systems for CSA 30 and CSA 32, to improve the drinking water facilities of both communities, collectively referred to as the "Fresno County Westside Groundwater Project"; and

WHEREAS, both CSA 30 and CSA 32 have median household incomes below 60% of the California state average, which means they qualify as severely disadvantaged communities under DWSRF policies and the County, on behalf of CSA 30 and CSA 32, is eligible for 100% grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB requires that the governing board of the entity applying for financing name an Authorized Representative to sign and file the Financial Assistance Application, and any and all other instruments required to complete the Financial Assistance Application on behalf of the entity; and

1           WHEREAS, the SWRCB requires, as a condition of funding, the governing board of the  
2 entity applying for financing also name an Authorized Representative or Representatives  
3 designated to provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the Financial  
4 Assistance Application, including executing a funding agreement (Funding Agreement) from the  
5 SWRCB and supporting documents.

6           WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, previously authorized a Financial  
7 Assistance Application for an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, by Resolution No. 20-384,  
8 adopted on November 15, 2016;

9           WHEREAS, there are now anticipated to be additional, originally unanticipated costs  
10 associated with the project, including cost escalation, which have caused an increase in the  
11 total anticipated project costs to \$15,000,000; and

12           WHEREAS, the SWRCB is preparing an amendment to the Funding Agreement in  
13 consideration of the above-mentioned changes in the scope and increase in total anticipated  
14 costs of the project.

15           NOW, THEREFORE, THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES  
16 HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

17           **Section 1.** The Director of the Department (Director), or his or her designee, is hereby  
18 authorized and directed to sign and file a Financial Assistance Application, and any and all other  
19 instruments required to complete the Financial Assistance Application, to SWRCB for financing  
20 under the DWSRF program for construction of improvements to the CSA 30 and CSA 32 water  
21 systems, water supply systems, pipelines, and other infrastructure, including the establishment  
22 of groundwater wells for both systems, collectively referred to as the Fresno County Westside  
23 Groundwater Project.

24           **Section 2.** The Director, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized to provide the  
25 assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the Financial Assistance Application,  
26 and the Director shall be the Authorized Representative for all purposes but executing the  
27 amended Funding Agreement with the SWRCB as provided in section 3 of this resolution.  
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THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board  
of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023, to-wit:

- AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAINED: None

BY Sal Quintero  
Sal Quintero, Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

**Attest:**  
Bernice Seidel  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

BY Alexandria Vidra  
DEPUTY