

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE SUBMISSION OF A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTY SERVICE AREA 49 FIVE POINTS THROUGH A GRANT SUBSIDY FUNDED BY THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND, AND DESIGNATING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING TO SIGN AND FILE THE APPLICATION AND OTHER REQUIRED INSTRUMENTS, INCLUDING THE FUNDING AGREEMENT, AND TO GIVE REQUIRED ASSURANCES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND COMMITMENTS.

WHEREAS, County of Fresno/County Service Area 49 – Five Points (CSA 49) has submitted an application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on February 28, 2025 for funding for the Direct Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Funding Program to provide grant assistance from the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water (SADW) Fund to severely disadvantaged communities to offset water system operations and maintenance (O&M) costs for the purpose of maintaining affordable water rates; and

WHEREAS, O&M Funding application procedures require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of O&M Funding; and

WHEREAS, CSA 49 is eligible, as a severely disadvantaged community, since the median household income (MHI) is less than 60% of the statewide MHI; and

WHEREAS; the funding application will also provide funds for grant administration; and

WHEREAS, the O&M Funding, if awarded, is expected to provide financial support for a tentative period of three (3) to five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the grant-funded program will not result in any Net County Cost; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB requires that the governing board of the entity entering into a funding agreement name an Authorized Representative or Representatives to sign and enter into a funding agreement, and any and all other instruments required to execute the agreement on behalf of the entity; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB requires, as a condition of funding, the governing board of the entity

1 entering into an agreement also name an Authorized Representative or Representatives designated to
2 provide assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the agreement, including executing a
3 funding agreement from the SWRCB and supporting documents.

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

6 **Section 1.** The Director of the Department, or his or her designee, (Director) is hereby
7 retroactively authorized and directed to execute and file a Financial Assistance Application, and any and
8 all other instruments required to complete the Financial Assistance Application, with SWRCB for financing
9 under the SADW program for the grant assistance to offset water system O&M costs for the purpose of
10 maintaining affordable water rates.

11 **Section 2.** The Director is hereby retroactively authorized to execute and provide the assurances,
12 certifications, and commitments required for the Financial Assistance Application, and the Director shall
13 be the Authorized Representative for all purposes of submitting the Financial Assistance Application.

14 **Section 3.** The Director is hereby authorized and directed to sign a funding agreement and, all
15 other instruments required to complete the agreement, with SWRCB for financing under the SADW
16 program for the grant assistance to offset water system O&M costs for the purpose of maintaining
17 affordable water rates.

18 **Section 4.** The Director is hereby authorized to provide the assurances, certifications, and
19 commitments required for the funding agreement, and the Director shall be the Authorized
20 Representative for all purposes, subject to the limitations in section 3 of the resolution, below.

21 **Section 5.** The Director of the Department is hereby authorized, subject to the review and
22 approval of County Counsel as to legal form and the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector as to
23 accounting form, to execute a funding agreement with the SWRCB, and any amendments that the
24 Director deems necessary for the consummation and continuing administration of the Five Points
25 Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Assistance Project (as this funding arrangement shall be known),
26 for grant funding, negative balance relief funding, or both, to provide grant assistance to CSA 49.

27 **Section 6.** The Director of the Department, or his or her designee, is authorized and designated
28 to represent the County in carrying out the responsibilities under the financing agreement, including

1 certifying disbursement requests for CSA 49, and ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal
2 laws.

3 **Section 7.** This funding will not result in any Net County Cost and is tentatively anticipated to
4 continue for a duration of three (3) to five (5) years, subject to available program funding and approval
5 by the SWRCB.

6 **Section 8.** The Board hereby finds, determines, and represents that all of the recitals in this
7 Resolution, and each of them, are true and correct.

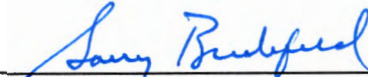
8 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
9 the County of Fresno this 6th day of January, 2026, to wit:

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11 AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco

12 NOES: None

13 ABSENT: None

14 ABSTAINED: None

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17 Garry Bredefeld, Chairman of the
18 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

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20 **ATTEST:**
21 Bernice E. Seidel
22 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
23 County of Fresno, State of California

24 BY 
25 Deputy