

AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVED BY

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

January 13, 2009

FROM: RENE A. RAMIREZ, Director 
Department of Public Utilities

BY: ROBERT ANDERSEN, Assistant Director 
Department of Public Utilities

SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$300,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI), BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL WATER METERS

KEY RESULT AREA

Resource Management

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that the Council approve the submittal of an application for up to \$300,000 to the DOI Bureau of Reclamation to leverage the cost of installing 105,050 residential water meters.

Staff also recommends that City Council authorize the Director of Public Utilities or his designated representative as agent of the City of Fresno to execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to application, agreements, amendments and payment requests which may be necessary to carry out the purpose specified in the applications and the projects described therein, all subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The renewed United States Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Project water service contract requires that the City install residential water meters by 2013, and begin charging a volumetric rate basis by 2010. There are approximately 105,050 residential water services that are being required to be metered with an estimated cost of \$70,000,000. This application is soliciting up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation Water for America Challenge grant to help leverage the cost of the project.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

Council action regarding this Amendment satisfies the three Key Objectives of Customer Satisfaction, Employee Satisfaction and Financial Management. Customer Satisfaction is derived by installing residential water meters City-wide; Employee Satisfaction is enhanced by the availability of funds to complete a project; and Financial Management is realized by leveraging additional funds to install the residential water meters.

City must begin charging a metered rate to all users that have water meters installed, starting in 2010, and all residential services must be metered by 2013.

BACKGROUND

The Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity inviting Water Districts and other local entities to apply for up to \$300,000 of funding to leverage money and resources for projects that will increase the efficiency of water delivery and improve water conservation.

The City is legally mandated to install residential water meters and to start billing their customers for water usage by 2013. There are approximately 105,050 residential water services that are being required to be metered with an estimated cost of \$70,000,000. If awarded, the City will use the \$300,000 to leverage the cost of installing the water meters.

Staff also recommends that City Council authorize the Director of Public Utilities or his designated representative as agent of the City of Fresno to execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to application, agreements, amendments and payment requests which may be necessary to carry out the purpose specified in the applications and the projects described therein, all subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

The resolution has been approved as to form by the City Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant application will leverage \$300,000 to the cost of installing the residential water meters.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$300,000 AND FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation has issued a Notice of Funding inviting applications for its Water for America Challenge grant; and

WHEREAS, consistent with its Water Conservation Plan and its Residential Meter Implementation Plan, the City of Fresno is mandated to install residential water meters by 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is legally mandated to start billing their metered customers for water usage by 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno can use the \$300,000 to leverage the cost of installing 105,050 residential water meters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The application is approved for the acceptance of grant funding for \$300,000 from the Department of the Interior and participation therein, consistent with constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution; and
2. To utilize Department of Interior's Program funds for eligible Project expenses as more specifically described in the Program Application and related documents/agreements; and
3. The City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities Director and his/her designee(s), and each of them as agent(s) of the City of Fresno, are authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit documents including, but not limited to, the standard agreement, applications, amendments, memoranda of understanding, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for participation in

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the completion of the aforementioned Project, including any extensions or amendments thereof, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2009.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2009

Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2009

Mayor Veto: _____, 2009

Council Override Vote: _____, 2009

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: *Nancy A. Algier* *12/30/08*
Nancy A. Algier Date
Senior Deputy

NAA:tlw[Reso Re Residential Water Meter Grant App] -12/30/08