



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

**SUBJECT**

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) funding request for the thirty percent design of the Advanced Water Purification Facility project.

**BACKGROUND**

El Paso Water (EPWater) applied to USBR for funding for the thirty percent design of the Advanced Water Purification Facility project Phase 1, under its Title XVI: WaterSMART Water Reclamation and Reuse Program Funding for 2017.

**EVALUATION PROCESS**

USBR requires a PSB resolution authorizing the President/CEO to sign and submit the Title XVI: WaterSMART funding application.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of the project's design is \$3,000,000. We are requesting \$750,000 funding from USBR for the thirty percent design. This amount represents 25% maximum funding for this project; EPWater is responsible for 75% match, or \$2,250,000.

**PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to sign and submit an application to the USBR under Title XVI WaterSMART funding for the thirty percent design of the Advanced Water Purification Facility project.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED**

- Application Affidavit
- Application Resolution
- Certificate of Secretary

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO SUBMIT A GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE THIRTY PERCENT DESIGN OF THE “ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY, PHASE 1”, UNDER THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROGRAM FUNDING 2017, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$750,000.

WHEREAS, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (EPWU), was established on May 22, 1952, by Ordinance No. 752 of the City of El Paso for the purpose of providing potable water and wastewater collection and treatment for the City of El Paso; and,

WHEREAS, EPWU has historically worked with funding agencies to obtain the necessary resources to invest in sustainable, long-term water solutions for the City of El Paso, and,

WHEREAS, EPWU will continue to secure regional water resources that will allow them to provide residents of the City of El Paso and surrounding communities with safe, high-quality drinking water; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a resolution on September 30, 2014, delegating authority to apply for funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on behalf of the City of El Paso to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees, President/CEO; and,

WHEREAS, the President/CEO is hereby designated the authorized representative for purposes of furnishing information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance and the rules of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; and,

WHEREAS, the following firms and individuals are hereby authorized and directed to aid and assist with the preparation and submission of such application and appear on behalf of and represent the El Paso Water Utilities before any hearing held by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on such application, to wit:

Financial Advisor: Maria Fernanda Urbina, Senior Vice President, First Southwest  
Bond Counsel: Paul A. Braden, Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Public Service Board and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes.

**Section 2.** That the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board authorizes the President/CEO to sign any and all documents necessary to submit the application to request funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. The funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will help fund the thirty percent design of an Advanced Water Purified Facility for the benefit of the citizens of the City of El Paso, for a total project amount of \$3,000,000;

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at the regular meeting of the Public Service Board, this the 11th day of January 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES

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Henry Gallardo  
Chairperson

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Terri Garcia  
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Lee Ann B. Koehler  
General Counsel



### Application Resolution - Certificate of Secretary (WRD-201b)

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF El Paso §  
APPLICANT El Paso Water Utilities PSB §

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Texas,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. That on the 11th day of January, 2017, a regular/special meeting of the  
Public Service Board was held at a meeting place within the City; the duly  
constituted members of the Public Service Board being as follows:  
Henry Gallardo, Christopher Antcliff, Terri Garcia, Bradley Roe, Ivonne Santiago, Kristina Mena, Oscar Leaser  
and all of said persons were present at said meeting, except the following:

Among other business considered at said meeting, the attached resolution entitled:

"A RESOLUTION by the Public Service Board of the El Paso Water Utilities  
requesting financial participation from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing  
of an application for financial participation; and making certain findings in connection therewith."

was introduced and submitted to the Public Service Board for passage and adoption. After  
presentation and due consideration of the resolution, and upon a motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the resolution was duly passed and adopted by the  
Public Service Board by the following vote:

\_\_\_\_\_ voted "For"                      \_\_\_\_\_ voted "Against"                      \_\_\_\_\_ abstained

all as shown in the official Minutes of the Public Service Board for the meeting held on the aforesaid date.

2. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records  
of the Public Service Board; the duly qualified and acting members of the Public Service Board  
on the date of the aforesaid meeting are those persons shown above and, according to the records of my office,  
advance notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given to each member of the  
Public Service Board; and that said meeting, and deliberation of the aforesaid public business, was open to  
the public and written notice of said meeting, including the subject of the above entitled resolution, was posted and  
given in advance thereof in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of  
said \_\_\_\_\_, this the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary