

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF SUBAPPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICE'S HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, during, and since the 2017 wildfires, the City of Santa Rosa has experienced the impacts of natural disasters at an unprecedented scale; and

WHEREAS, high disaster recovery costs, potential impacts to human life, and rising variability in the level of hazard impacts and frequency are all motivators for the City of Santa Rosa to identify effective ways to reduce the City's vulnerability to future disasters; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the declaration of a federal disaster due to the October 2017 wildfires, the City of Santa Rosa is eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES); and

WHEREAS, Water Department Staff have identified three projects eligible to apply for HMGP funding that would support implementation of the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and significantly reduce vulnerabilities of critical water and wastewater infrastructure to future natural hazards including fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, these eligible projects include replacing emergency backup generators at critical water and wastewater facilities; completing seismic retrofits and upgrades to steel tank reservoirs; and constructing a floodwall to protect the Laguna Treatment Plant and Geysers and Reclamation pump stations; and

WHEREAS, these projects would mitigate risks such as loss of water that could affect public health and safety, overflows of raw sewage and storm water affecting public health and the environment, loss of water pressure, significant damage to critical equipment, and damage to public and private property and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, HMGP funds are provided on a 75/25 cost share basis, which is 75% federal funding for eligible expenses (up to \$5 million, excluding contingencies and overhead costs) and 25% local match funding; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for all three projects is estimated to be approximately \$23.8 million, of which it is proposed that \$12.4 million (52%) would come from federal grants, and \$11.4 million (48%) would come from City matching funds; and

WHEREAS, subapplications for the HMGP are due to Cal OES no later than September 4, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities authorizes Water Department Staff submittal of subapplications for HMGP funding through FEMA and Cal OES for the three aforementioned hazard mitigation projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board of Public Utilities approves authorization for a commitment to meet the local match fund requirements for the HMGP should any or all of the projects be selected for grand funding, as follows: \$1,845,000 for the emergency backup generators at critical water and wastewater facilities project from Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds; \$2,124,000 for the seismic retrofits to reservoirs project from the Water Capital Fund; and \$7,397,000 for the Laguna Treatment Plant floodwall project from the Subregional Capital Fund.

DULY AND REGULARY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 2nd day of August, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED: _____
Daniel J. Galvin, III, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Gina Perez, Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney