



STAFF REPORT
12/10/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Resolution No. WA-2025-03; A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Water Authority Authorizing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application for the Chromium-6 Treatment Project & Resolution No. WA-2025-04, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Water Authority Authorizing Reimbursement for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application for the Chromium-6 Treatment Project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Resolution No. WA-2025-03 & WA-2025-04 for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application and Reimbursement for the Chromium-6 Treatment Project.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Drinking Water (DDW) adopted California's first Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) specific to chromium-6, setting the limit at 10 µg/L. Shortly after its adoption, a court invalidated the standard on procedural grounds, requiring the state to revert to the previous total chromium MCL of 50 µg/L.

After several years of reevaluation, the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water readopted a chromium-6 specific MCL of 10 µg/L, on April 17, 2024, this time applying the limit at entry points to the distribution system (EPDS). The regulation became effective on October 1, 2024, with compliance timelines based on water system size. Coachella Water Authority (CWA), has six wells exceeding this limit and requires treatment to achieve the MCL compliance and is currently developing a new well that will also require treatment. The Chromium-6 Treatment Project (Project) will construct a Reduction Coagulation Filtration water treatment process to remove Chromium-6 in the seven wells, improving water quality and water supply reliability to CWA's service area.

To fund the Project, CWA is pursuing financing through SWRCB's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The application process includes four key components: the General Information Package, Technical Application Package, Environmental Package, and Financial Security Package. CWA has submitted the General Information Package and is actively working on the remaining components. As part of the DWSRF requirements, CWA prepared an Authorizing Resolution to designate authority for submitting application materials and executing

agreements, and a Reimbursement Resolution using the required template language to ensure eligibility for reimbursement from loan proceeds. The reimbursement resolution is required for publicly-owned entities applying for loans.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact.