



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	5/26/2026
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 11619 - A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 11594 to include the City's Funding Commitment of \$150,000 from the Water Impact Fund (Fund 456) for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Use Efficiency Program Grant
FROM:	Utilities Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The Utilities Department recommends the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11619 - A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 11594 to include the City's Funding Commitment of \$150,000 from the Water Impact Fee Fund (Fund 456) for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Use Efficiency Program Grant.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The United States Department of the Interior's WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Program provides a framework for Federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies for future generations in support of the Department's priorities. Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with states, tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply reliability through investments in existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts. Reclamation issued Funding Opportunity Number R25AS00279 to make funding available for small-scale water efficiency projects.

The goal of the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects NOFO is to invite eligible entities to apply for funding to implement projects that conserve water and enhance water supply reliability in water delivery systems. It encourages the implementation of small-scale projects identified through prior planning efforts, such as canal lining, water delivery automation, flow measurement, and other projects that increase water efficiency. The WaterSMART Small-Scale

Water Efficiency Projects NOFO prioritizes projects that are supported by an existing water management and conservation plan, System Optimization Review, or other planning effort led by the applicant.

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POLICY / RULE

The City of Folsom's financial policy requires that the City Council approve grant applications that require an ongoing commitment of resources or staff. No additional staff are required for the projects included within the grant application.

ANALYSIS

On April 28, 2026, City Council approved Resolution No. 11594 to submit a grant proposal for a WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Project. After discussions with the City's Federal Lobbyist team and with Reclamation staff responsible for reviewing grant applications, there is one additional item required for the City's Resolution. As part of the grant application process, an official Resolution is required to be submitted in the application that identifies the City's funding match requirement. The updated Resolution No. 11619 includes a recital that the City will provide the correct amount of funding specified in the City's funding plan within the grant application and specifies the City's fund to be used for the project. The attached Resolution No. 11619 includes this language, which was not included in Resolution No. 11594.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

To fund the proposed project, estimated at an overall cost of \$250,000, the City desires to apply for a grant for up to \$100,000 from Reclamation. The remaining \$150,000 for the project will be funded from the Water Impact Fund (Fund 456). The minimum required cost-share for the City is 50%. The expected award date for the grant is late 2026. Proposed project costs for the City's \$150,000 share will be requested in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. In addition, The Ferguson Group will write the grant proposal, perform the necessary outreach to Reclamation, and conduct a review of the necessary City documentation needed for the submittal of the grant application for up to \$11,000 as part of their current agreement with the City for Federal Advocacy Services. Sufficient Funds are available in the Water Impact Fund (Fund 456) for this project and for the grant writing services of The Ferguson Group.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This project is replacement and/or improvement of existing infrastructure with negligible or no expansion of use and therefore is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act as noted in Title 14 – California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3 – Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Article

19 – Categorical Exemptions, Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and/or 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

ATTACHMENT

Resolution No. 11619 - A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 11594 to include the City's Funding Commitment of \$150,000 from the Water Impact Fund (Fund 456) for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Use Efficiency Program Grant.

Submitted,

Marcus Yasutake, Director
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO. 11619

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 11594 TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S FUNDING COMMITMENT OF \$150,000 FROM THE WATER IMPACT FUND (FUND 456) FOR A UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART SMALL-SCALE WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive up to \$100,000 in federal grant funds through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Use Efficiency Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City implements projects and programs that increase water efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 11594 authorized the City Manager to submit an application for the funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom commits to the financial and legal obligations associated with receipt of a financial assistance award under this funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Irrigation Tune-Up Project (Project) meets the eligibility requirements of funding opportunity R26AS00279, and the City of Folsom desires to submit an application for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the Project is \$250,000 of which the City of Folsom is requesting \$100,000 in Federal funding and will contribute \$150,000 in non-Federal cost share, representing at least 50 percent of total project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom certifies awareness of and agrees to comply with all currently effective and applicable executive orders, Secretary's orders, and other Federal requirements that apply to this funding opportunity and any resulting award; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement and for completing the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom amends Resolution No. 11594 to include the City's Funding Commitment of \$150,000 from the Water Impact Fund (Fund 456) for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Use Efficiency Program Grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May 2026, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):

NOES: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Justin Raithel, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK