



# Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	7/28/2020
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	Consent Calendar
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 10494 - A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 10464 to include the City's Funding Commitment for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant
<b>FROM:</b>	Environmental and Water Resources Department

## **RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

The Environmental and Water Resources Department recommends the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 10494 - A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 10464 to include the City's Funding Commitment for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response 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 Announcement (FOA) No. BOR-DO-20-F002 to make funding available for drought resiliency projects.

On June 9, 2020 City Council approved Resolution No. 10464 Authorizing the City Manager to Seek Grant Funds from the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project.

## **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. The proposed projects would require ongoing operations and maintenance currently provided by existing staffing resources. No additional staff or financial resources are required for the projects included within the grant application.

## **ANALYSIS**

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. The updated Resolution No. 10494 includes a recital that the City will provide the correct amount of funding specified in the City's funding plan within the grant application. The attached Resolution No. 10494 includes this language, which was not included in Resolution No. 10464. As described in Resolution No. 10464, the three projects the City will seek grant funding are:

- Ashland Rehabilitation Project No. 1
- Water Treatment Plant Backwash and Recycled Water Capacity Project
- Empire Ranch Non-Potable Water Well Project

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

To fund the proposed projects, is estimated at an overall cost of \$2,270,000, the City desires to apply for a grant for up to \$750,000 from Reclamation. The remaining project costs \$1,520,000, will be funded from the Water Impact Fund (Fund 456) and the Water Operating Fund (Fund 520). The expected award date for the grant is late 2020 or early 2021 based on the information provided in the FOA and projects should be completed by September 2023. Two of the Proposed project costs are included in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Improvement Plan (Ashland Rehabilitation Project No. 1 and Water Treatment Plan Backwash Project). The current estimated costs for the Well Project is \$400,000. The FOA requires an applicant cost share of at least 50 percent of the total project costs.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The Ashland Rehabilitation Project No. 1 and the Water Treatment Plant Backwash and Recycled Water Capacity Project are considered rehabilitation projects of existing infrastructure; and therefore, are 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, Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction.

The Empire Ranch well installation project will include its own environmental analysis under CEQA and will be brought back to City Council at a future date.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution No. 10494 - A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 10464 to include the City's Funding Commitment for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant.
2. Resolution No. 10464 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Seek Grant Funds from the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project

Submitted,

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Marcus Yasutake, Director  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10494**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 10464 TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR A UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the City is eligible to receive up to \$750,000 in federal grant funds through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Project for Fiscal Year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City identifies projects that are critical to ensuring the delivery of adequate and high-quality water supply to all residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City collaborated with four other water agencies and the Regional Water Authority to develop a Regional Drought Contingency Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to apply for \$750,000 from Reclamation to improve water supply reliability and drought resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will provide the correct amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the City's funding plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom will comply with federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements for application, acceptance and use of federal funds for these federally assisted projects; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Folsom amending Resolution No. 10464 to include the City's Funding Commitment for a United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program Grant.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020, by the following roll-call vote:

**AYES:** Council Member(s):  
**NOES:** Council Member(s):  
**ABSENT:** Council Member(s):  
**ABSTAIN:** Council Member(s):

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Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

## ATTACHMENT 2

**RESOLUTION NO. 10464**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM DROUGHT RESILIENCY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City is eligible to receive up to \$750,000 in federal grant funds through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Project for Fiscal Year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City identifies projects that are critical to ensuring the delivery of adequate and high-quality water supply to all residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City collaborated with four other water agencies and the Regional Water Authority to develop a Regional Drought Contingency Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to apply for \$750,000 from Reclamation to improve water supply reliability and drought resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom will comply with federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements for application, acceptance and use of federal funds for these federally assisted projects; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the City Manager to seek grant funds from the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020, by the following roll-call vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	Council Member(s):	Kozlowski, Sheldon, Aquino, Gaylord, Howell
<b>NOES:</b>	Council Member(s):	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council Member(s):	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Council Member(s):	None

  
Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Christa Freeman, CITY CLERK

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