

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF SANITATION  
BOARD REPORT NO. 1  
FEBRUARY 26, 2025

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DESIGNATE THE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF LASAN AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD - WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM FOR THE DONALD C. TILLMAN ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY PROJECT

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve and forward this report, with its transmittals, to the Mayor and City Council with the recommendation that the City Council, subject to concurrence of the Mayor, ratify CF 17-1335 which authorized the Director and General Manager of LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) to apply for, negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests etc., subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure grant funds for the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant Advanced Water Purification Facility (DCTWRP AWPF) Project from the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) - Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP)
2. Request that the City Council, subject to the concurrence of the Mayor, adopt the accompanying updated Authorizing Resolution (Transmittal 1) identifying the Director of LASAN as the authorized representative to the SWRCB WRFP

### TRANSMITTALS

1. Authorizing Resolution

### DISCUSSION

On June 26, 2024, the enacted State Fiscal Year 2024-25 California State Budget appropriated approximately \$69.8 million in General Funds for water recycling projects through the SWRCBs WRFP. The City of Los Angeles was awarded \$3 million in grant funds in the State of CA Clean Water State Revolving Fund 2024-25 Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the DCTAWPF.

The DCTAWPF Project represents a significant step toward enhancing water sustainability and resilience in Los Angeles. Located at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (DCTWRP), this project includes several components to optimize water purification and facility functionality. The primary feature is a state-of-the-art advanced water purification treatment train capable of processing up to 19 million gallons per day (MGD) of tertiary effluent, producing 15.5 MGD of purified water for groundwater replenishment via the Hansen Spreading Grounds. Additional elements include the construction of a larger maintenance and warehouse facility (MWF) to support new plant processes, the temporary ancillary warehouse facility (AWF) to ensure operational continuity during MWF reconstruction, and a new primary equalization basin (AWEB) to maintain steady water flow to the advanced purification systems. By addressing key water

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resource challenges, this project advances the City of Los Angeles' goal to improve local water reliability, reduce reliance on imported water, and align with long-term sustainability objectives such as those outlined in the Green New Deal.

The original authority to submit an application to SWRCB WRF was received through CF 17-1335, approved on February 2, 2018. CF17-1335 also approved an Authorizing Resolution. LASAN has submitted all application documents to SWRCB, but they have requested an updated Authorizing Resolution before they can execute a grant agreement. Per the IUP, a grant agreement must be executed by March 31, 2025 to be considered for WRF grant funds in SFY 2024-25.

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE (PRC) APPROVAL

The DCTWRP AWP was approved by the PRC on December 20, 2023 for the construction amount of \$529,000,000.

STATUS OF FINANCING

There is no impact to the General Fund. The total front funding for this grant is not to exceed \$3,000,000. No funding is required at this time. Specific funding information will be provided at the time of approval of the grant. Funding sources may include, but are not limited to the Fund No. 761, Sewer Capital Fund.

Reimbursements from the SWRCB will be deposited into the Fund No. 761, Sewer Construction Maintenance Fund, Department No. 50, Departmental Revenue Source Code 336104 - Other State Grants -Miscellaneous Programs.

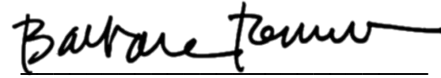
Funds and appropriations for both current and future fiscal years are not yet identified and existing appropriations may change based on available cash balances. Therefore, funds and appropriations will be determined by the Director and General Manager of LASAN.

(Signature page follows)

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Respectfully submitted,



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## Authorizing Resolution

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DESIGNATING THE  
DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BUREAU OF SANITATION AS THE  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR DONALD C. TILLMAN  
ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), acting on behalf of the City of Los Angeles (City), intends to apply to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to obtain financial assistance through the Water Recycling Funding Program for the DCTWRP Advanced Water Purification Facility Project (the Project);

WHEREAS, the SWRCB requires that the City's legislative body designate a City representative (Authorized Representative) and authorize the Authorized Representative to act on the City's behalf in submitting an application for financial assistance for the DCT AWPf to the SWRCB.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Los Angeles as follows:

The Director and General Manager of the Bureau of Sanitation (Authorized Representative) is hereby authorized and directed to sign and file, for and on behalf of the Entity, a Financial Assistance Application for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning design and construction of the Project.

This Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application, including executing a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.

The Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to represent the Entity in carrying out the Entity's responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Entity and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City of Los Angeles City Council held on \_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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Holly Wolcott, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Hydee Feldstein Soto, City Attorney