



RESOLUTION NO. 2016-1

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR FY 2016 FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL WATER EFFICIENCY UPGRADE PROJECT AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OR DESIGNEE(S) TO EXECUTE ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno ("City") is a unit of local government with public water supply delivery authority within the western United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation has issued a funding opportunity under the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District operate public schools within the City's water supply service area, and the combined water consumption of the three school districts within the City's public water supply service area is approximately 1.7 billion gallons per year; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has issued a mandate to reduce municipal water use in the City of Fresno by 28 percent; and



WHEREAS, the Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District have appropriated funds for water efficiency improvements to reduce the use of surface water and groundwater in the City of Fresno public water supply service area; and

WHEREAS, the Public School Water Efficiency Upgrade Project is consistent with the Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan and will reduce the use of potable water in public schools within the City of Fresno public water supply service area and reduce groundwater extraction from the local aquifer and surface water use from the Sierra Nevada mountains; and

WHEREAS, eligibility for WaterSMART grants is limited to entities with water or power delivery authority and the Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District are ineligible to apply independently, but can act as a co-applicant; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Fresno's constituents to facilitate submission of a WaterSMART Grant application to fund a project whose result is significant savings of surface water and groundwater, particularly in this time of serious and ongoing drought; and

WHEREAS, the Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District have each submitted letters of support authorizing joint application with the City of Fresno to the Bureau of Reclamation for the Public School Water Efficiency Upgrade Project, and authorizing each of the school districts to bear all of their respective project design, construction, and maintenance costs and responsibilities not covered by the WaterSMART grant; and



WHEREAS, each of the school districts has appropriated funds in the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 fiscal years to meet the fifty percent cost match commitment for the Public School Water Efficiency Upgrade Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities is desirous of submitting a WaterSMART Grant application to fund said project to reduce potable water demands in the City's public water supply service area.

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

1. The City of Fresno submits a WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 to the Bureau of Reclamation, acting as lead applicant, with the Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District as co-applicants.
2. The City of Fresno Public Utilities Director or designee(s) thereof are authorized and empowered to execute the application in collaboration with the Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District.
3. The Public School Water Efficiency Upgrade Project is being submitted as a Group II project, which awards up to \$700,000, and the Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District are prepared to fund fifty percent or more of the Project.
4. The City Attorney is authorized to execute program related agreements, certifications, assurances, and opinions.
5. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the City certifies it has legal authority to participate in the grant program with the Bureau of Reclamation and the



Central Unified School District, the Clovis Unified School District, and the Fresno Unified School District and enter into a cooperative agreement.

RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution binds or obligates City's general fund, taxing authority, or borrowing power.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

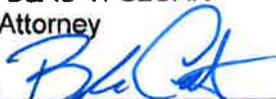
I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the day of January 7, 2016.

AYES : Brand, Brandau, Olivier, Quintero, Soria, Caprioglio
NOES : None
ABSENT: Baines
ABSTAIN: None

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By:  1-19-2016
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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By: 
BRANDON M. COLET
Deputy City Attorney

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