



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**December 5, 2023**

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**TOPIC:** Grant Application for Pressure Reducing Station Relocation Project

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application Submission for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Response Program for the Pressure Reducing Station No. 2 Relocation and Emergency Booster Pump Station Project (Non-General Fund)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Public Works Agency to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow Drought Response Program Grant for the Pressure Reducing Station No. 2 Relocation and Emergency Booster Pump Station Project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,801,250.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XXX entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PRESSURE REDUCING STATION NO. 2 RELOCATION AND EMERGENCY BOOSTER STATION PROJECT

**GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:** No

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Santa Ana's water service area is generally divided into the upper zone north of I-5 and the lower zone south of I-5. The upper zone has higher water pressures, which allows for the water pumped in this zone to be supplied to the lower zone during periods of low demand. However, due to the presence of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) recently detected in the upper zone's groundwater supply, this source may become unavailable. To provide the upper zone with necessary water in case it loses its groundwater supplies, the City of Santa Ana will construct an emergency booster pump station (EBPS) and relocate its existing Pressure Reducing Station No. 2 (PRS2) to supply the upper zone with water imported from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The City of Santa Ana has recently purchased property located at 315 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street, where it plans to construct the improvements for the PRS2 and EBPS as part of the

Pressure Reducing Station No. 2 Relocation and Emergency Booster Pump Station Project (Project). The United States Department of the Interior offers financial assistance in the form of grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Drought Response Program for this type of project. The program provides different levels of funding and up to a maximum of \$5,000,000 in grant funding, but not to exceed 50% of the total project cost. If the grant application is successful, the grant funding would offset a significant portion of the Project costs.

Staff recommends adopting a resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Public Works Agency to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow Drought Response Program Grant for the Pressure Reducing Station No. 2 Relocation and Emergency Booster Pump Station Project, in an amount not to Exceed \$1,801,250. (Exhibit 1)

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Staff will return to Council with a request for approval of further actions and will indicate the fiscal impact of any such awards and associated expenditures at that time.

#### **EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Resolution

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Approved By: Tom Hatch, Interim City Manager