



## CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

### AGENDA ITEM

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Report: Application to State Water Resources Control Board for the Water Recycling Funding Program Grant.

1. Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit a Water Recycling Funding Program Grant application for a grant amount of \$150,000, and further authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and submit all required documents related to said grant application.

### COUNCIL ACTION

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**Item Type:** Consent Calendar

**Approved for** December 3, 2024 **calendar**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Glendale Water & Power (GWP) has solicited proposals for a 2024 Recycled Water Master Plan (RWMP) to expand and improve the City's recycled water system. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has implemented the Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) to provide technical and financial assistance to local agencies in support of water recycling projects. GWP has determined that the RWMP is qualified for the WRFP grant for recycled water facilities planning and construction.

GWP is requesting \$150,000 in grant funds (the Grant) from the SWRCB's WRFP.

### RECOMMENDATION

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Authorize the City Manager to submit a Water Recycling Funding Program Grant application for a grant amount of \$150,000, and further authorize the City Manager to execute and submit all required documents related to said grant application.

### ANALYSIS

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The Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) is administered by the Division of Financial Assistance. It supports the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Water Recycling Policy and provides funding for water recycling projects that offset or augment state or local fresh water supplies and water recycling research.

GWP is seeking to apply for WRFP Grant which would fund planning efforts for recycle water enhancements. The purpose of the Grant is to encourage local public agencies to investigate the feasibility of recycling wastewater and assist them with completing planning for water recycling projects by supplementing local funds.

In this particular case, GWP is asking for a total amount of \$150,000, the maximum

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grant amount, to help offset the costs associated with the 2024 Recycled Water Master Plan (RWMP), which will help identify and summarize future recycled water augmentation projects that the City of Glendale (City) can implement. As a part of the Grant application process, the City must also complete a Financial Assistance Application and enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement and provide certain assurances, certifications, and commitments to the SWRCB.

The Grant requires the City to complete a Draft Project report, conduct a Mid-Course Meeting and complete a Final Project Report. The Draft Project Report and Final Project Report must analyze all feasible project alternatives and recommend a project or determine that a water recycling project is not feasible. The Final Project Report must address comments provided by SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance staff, provided as a part of the review of the Draft Project Report.

The RWMP will consider the following:

- 1) Identify potential non-potable uses of recycled water up to City's projected recycled water potential.
- 2) Evaluate transmission/distribution pipeline and booster station system requirements to potential customer connections in a phased approach.
- 3) Develop model to determine feasibility for project including:
  - a) infrastructure construction and operational costs,
  - b) incentives to secure customer commitments.
  - c) timing of potential customer additions, and
  - d) recycled water pricing.
- 4) Feasibility of conversion process for potential customer.
- 5) Feasibility for direct potable reuse (DPR) and indirect potable reuse (IPR).

The City will go through a competitive evaluation process to select a consultant in assisting the City to develop the RWMP for this potential recycled water system expansion. The tentative schedule for the improvements is as follows:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>Complete</b>
SWRCB and Funding Support	September 2024	December 2024
RWMP and Funding Support	January 2025	January 2026
Meeting with Stakeholder Agencies and First Public Meeting	March 2025	
Draft RWMP per SWRCB Requirements	January 2025	June 2025
RWMP Reviews and Workshop and Second Public Meeting	August 2025	
Final Project Concept and Performance Criteria	November 2025	December 2025
Council Approval	February 2026	

## STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

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Not applicable.

## FISCAL IMPACT

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The cost for the RWMP development is approximately \$600,000. If the WRF Grant application is successful, the City will be reimbursed up to \$150,000 to help offset the costs and the remaining cost of the RWMP development will be funded under the Water Works Revenue which has been approved as part of the FY 2024-25 budget. The City Council approved funding is outlined below:

Existing Appropriation		
Amount	Account String	Funding Source
\$600,000	43110-5920-GWP-4700	Water Works Revenue Fund

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

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This action requested herein is authorization to apply for Grant funding and is not a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and thus is not subject to CEQA review.

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

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Not applicable.

## ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Alternative 1: Not to authorize the City Manager to submit a Water Recycling Funding Program Grant application for an amount of \$150,000, as requested herein, which will result in the City covering all costs associated with the 2024 Recycled Water Master Plan.

Alternative 2: Consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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## EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

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None.