

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE,
CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, issued Executive Order N-33-20 to require individuals to stay at home except as needed to maintain continuity of critical operations, issued Executive Order N-42-20 prohibiting discontinuance of water service indefinitely, and issued Executive Order N-60-20 that created a risk-based approach to reopening the economy, among other executive actions; and

WHEREAS, the stay at home order and risk-based reopening framework were rescinded on June 11, 2021 by Executive Order N-07-21 and many provisions of other Executive Orders were phased out by Executive Order N-08-21, including establishing an end date for the shutoff moratorium on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, there have been economic impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health measures, including leaving many Californians unable to pay their water and wastewater bills due to lack of reliable and consistent employment; and

WHEREAS, in response to the economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Section 19.55 (17) of the State Budget Act of 2021, as established by Assembly Bill No. 128 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021) and as amended by Senate Bill No. 129 (Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021), provided nearly \$1 billion to the State Water Resources Control Board ("Water Board") to administer the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program ("CWWAPP") to reduce delinquent water and wastewater balances for customers experiencing financial hardships related to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State's funding for CWWAPP is funded by the federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 148 (Chapter 115, Statutes of 2021), formally established the CWWAPP within the Water Board, enumerating the program's requirements for utility participation; and

WHEREAS, eligible customers are all residential and commercial customers, past due bills mean any customer utility bills that are 60 days or more past due and includes both active and inactive accounts, as well as customer accounts that have payment plans or payment arrangements, and the COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period means the period starting March 4, 2020, and ends June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, to receive CWWAPP funding on behalf of eligible customers, a utility applicant must complete both a survey and application including submitting all necessary data and information to support the utility applicant's request for CWWAPP funding; and

WHEREAS, if there are insufficient funds, the Water Board must allocate funds on a proportional basis; and

WHEREAS, the Water Board must disperse funds for water arrearages by January 31, 2022 and the wastewater program must start following substantial completion of the water program and in no instance later than February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, within 60 days of receiving CWWAPP funds, a utility applicant must allocate payments as bill credits to customers to help address past due bills incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period and notify customers of the amounts credited to their accounts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale operates water and wastewater utility systems with eligible customers that have past due bills during the COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period, and is in the process of applying for CWWAPP funding; and

WHEREAS, based upon an initial survey of qualified water arrearages accrued during the period March 4, 2020 to June 15, 2021, on September 16, 2021 the Water Board found that GWP was eligible to receive up to \$1,489,637 in CWWAPP funding with the understanding that the actual grant amount would be equal to the amount of outstanding arrearages remaining at the time of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2021, GWP recalculated outstanding water arrearages and applied for \$950,269 in CWWAPP funding, including administrative costs as authorized by the CWWAPP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA:

1. The City Council does hereby authorize the City of Glendale's participation in the CWWAPP and receipt of a CWWAPP grant in the amount of \$950,269, or such other amount of CWWAPP funding as may be awarded to the City of Glendale.
2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute program participation agreements as may be required for the City of Glendale's participation in the CWWAPP. The form of such agreements shall be subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

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3. Each of the City Manager, the General Manager of Glendale Water & Power, the Director of Finance, the City Treasurer, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary, required, or advisable to implement, administer, fund, and carry out Glendale's responsibilities under the CWWAPP.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, ARAM ADJEMIAN, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2021, and that same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

City Clerk