



Agenda Item Number: 2008-6-6C

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: June 10, 2008

Department: Infrastructure Planning **Staff Contact:** Tom Zdunek, DCM for Public Works
Mary Murnane, Water Resources Program Mgr.

TITLE: Valley Utilities Project Grant Application for \$382,000 from the EPA

ACTION: Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR -2008** designating the County Manager or designee as Signatory Authority for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Valley Utilities Project.
2. Submittal of a Water and Wastewater Grant Application to the EPA for \$382,000 in federal funding under the Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations Act.
3. Financial Resolution **FR -2008** increasing the budget and accepting \$382,000 from EPA.

SUMMARY:

In the Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations Act for the EPA, the New Mexico congressional delegation provided an appropriation of \$382,000 for the Valley Utilities Project. In order to obtain this funding, Bernalillo County must submit a Board-approved grant application to the EPA. In addition, the EPA requires that the Board approve an Administrative Resolution identifying a signatory agent for the County. The Administrative Resolution also allows grant-related conditions to be administratively processed.

This grant will be utilized to construct a portion of the water booster station for the South Valley Drinking Water Project, as part of the larger Valley Utilities Project. Total estimated cost of the booster station is \$4.5 million, including \$694,545.45 from the subject grant, of which \$382,000 (55%) is from EPA funds and \$312,545.45 (45%) is state and local match. The Financial Resolution increases the County budget to utilize the federal portion of these funds. Matching funds will be transferred from existing budgets.

The total construction cost for the Valley Utilities Project is estimated to be \$111.6 million in 1998 dollars. The County has sold \$30 million in bonds to provide the required matching funds for this and future appropriations from the EPA. The New Mexico State Legislature approved \$20 million over ten years for this purpose as well. The City of Albuquerque pledged funding in the amount of \$21 million for the ten-year project. The City commitment was assumed by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA), which has provided \$30 million for the Valley Utilities Project to date, and will provide an additional one million dollars in Fiscal Year 2009.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Administrative Resolution **AR -2008**
- 2. Grant Application
- 3. Financial Resolution **FR -2008**

FISCAL IMPACT

SVDWP Booster Station-EPA BC63-568650-VE44 \$382,000
The EPA grant is for \$382,000 and will be budgeted in Line Item BC63-568650-VE44 by Financial Resolution, based upon earmarked funding in the EPA appropriation. The EPA portion represents 55% of total project costs of \$694,545.45 and requires a 45% match from state and local funds. Matching funds will come first from the ABCWUA, to be supplemented by other state and local funding available for this project as described in the Summary above. Line items and budgets for these matching amounts will be set up in the new financial system in FY09. SG 05/23/08

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

See summary. I recommend Board approval. TL 6/5/08

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

This funding from the Congressional Delegation through the EPA brings the total Federal funding provided to date to \$21.04 Million. Funding will construct the South Valley Drinking Water Project (SVDWP) Water Supply Booster Station, which will ensure that the reservoir can provide fire protection and water supply for future phases of the SVDWP. I recommend approval. TZ 06/04/08

LEGAL

Resolution appoints Manager as designee for signatory authority on grant issues. Approved as to form only. Deborah S. Seligman, Legal 6/4/08

FINANCE

- Budget** Approval of this financial resolution will allow the County to receive grant funding from the EPA to construct a portion of the water booster station for the South Valley Drinking Water Project. Stephanie Manzanares, Financial Services Administrator II 5/29/08
- Purchasing** No comment required. Phillip Lee, Purchasing Administrator 5/28/08
- Contracts** No comment required. Phillip Lee, Purchasing Administrator 5/28/08
- Risk Management** No comment required. David A. Baca, Risk Management Director 5/28/08