

Council Meeting Staff Report

September 18, 2019

Agenda No.:	6.C
Indexes (Council Goals):	* 2019 Council Goal - Investing in Infrastructure, * 2019 Council Goal - Planning for Appropriate Levels of County Services
Presenters:	James Alarid
Legislative File:	RE0423-19

Title

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 19-24: A Resolution Authorizing the County Council Chair or Los Alamos County Utilities Manager to Approve Submission of Completed Applications and Necessary Documents for 2020 Applications to the Water Trust Board for Funding Non-Potable Water System Projects

Recommended Action

I move that the Board of Public Utilities approve Resolution 19-24; A Resolution Authorizing the County Council Chair or Los Alamos County Utilities Manager to Approve Submission of Completed Applications and Necessary Documents for 2020 Applications to the Water Trust Board for Funding Non-Potable Water System Projects, and forward to Council for approval.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve as presented.

Body

Applications for the 2020 Water Trust Board (WTB) funding cycle are due on October 3, 2019. The DPU proposes to apply for funding to construct a new one-million gallon effluent water storage tank. A requirement by the WTB is to submit a resolution by the governing body with the application. Resolution 19-24 is provided as Attachment A, which if approved, authorizes the DPU to apply for funding in the 2020 cycle.

The tank will be located next to the existing Bayo booster station which is in Pueblo Canyon adjacent to the composting facility. The Los Alamos effluent conveyance system which pumps effluent water from the Los Alamos wastewater plant to irrigate the golf course and North Mesa ballparks is limited by the amount of existing storage. This additional million gallons of storage will alleviate supply limitations to the Golf Course and ball parks and allow for expansion of effluent use in Los Alamos. DPU is seeking approval to apply for \$900,000 to the WTB for construction of the new tank. The County would be required to match and additional \$135,000 (15% of construction cost). The project qualifies for WTB funding since it is a treated effluent water infrastructure project and supports conservation of potable groundwater. The new tank will be designed by DPU engineering staff and will be "shovel ready" if Los Alamos County is granted the funds.

Funding from the WTB is in the form of a grant and loan award. Awards can vary from a 60% grant/40% loan to a 90% grant/10% loan, the WTB determines the split and we will not know until awarded. Loans are typically for a 20 year term at 0% interest.

Alternatives

If the resolution is not approved an application for 2020 Water Trust Board Funding will not be submitted.

Fiscal and Staff Impact

None

Attachments

