

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS ORDINANCE NO. 734

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS (BORROWER) TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (NMED) FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING PROJECT LOAN FUNDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000, PLUS 1% ACCRUED INTEREST AND LOAN SUBSIDY GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000; FOR A TOTAL FUNDED AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000; DESIGNATING THE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE DEFINED IN THE MOST CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM AS APPROVED BY NMED; DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE LOAN; PROVIDING THAT THE LOAN WILL BE PAYABLE AND COLLECTIBLE SOLELY FROM THE BORROWER'S PLEDGED REVENUES DEFINED BELOW; PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM (RIP), AND THE SECURITY FOR LOAN AGREEMENT RIP-00060

Capitalized terms used in the following recitals are defined in Section 1 of this Ordinance unless the context requires otherwise.

WHEREAS, the Incorporated County of Los Alamos ("County" or "Borrower") is a legally and regularly created public body organized under the general laws of the State of New Mexico ("State"); and

WHEREAS, County owns, operates, and maintains a public utility constituting a Water System ("System"); and

WHEREAS, the present System is insufficient and inadequate to meet the needs of County; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement will be payable solely from the Pledged Revenues; and

WHEREAS, County has the following obligations outstanding to which the Pledged Revenues have already been pledged; and

| Funding Source (e.g., Revenue Bond, NMED, NMFA, etc.) and Series# or Loan/Project # | Principal Amount Outstanding at 06/30/2023 (use the most current fiscal year end date) |
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| ARRA CWSRF 09L | \$110,792 |
| CWSRF 083 | \$6,259,682 |
| CWSRF 1438143R | \$5,179,081 |
| 2014 NMFA PPRF-3150 | \$5,750,000 |

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| WTB-3557 | \$40,619.19 |
| WTB-0340 | \$114,973.56 |
| NMFA WTB-0089 | \$20,478.26 |
| NMFA WTB-0220 | \$250,723.37 |
| NMFA WTB-0221 | \$63,879.09 |
| WTB 156 | \$52,476.75 |
| NMFA WTB-157 | \$17,788.70 |
| WPF 0063 | \$13,286.77 |
| WTB 4826 | \$299,490.38 |
| WTB 5081 | \$216,929.50 |
| NMFA 5426-WPF | \$1,163,428 |
| DWSRF 5456 | \$3,337,518 |
| DW5637 | \$599,239 |
| CWSRF 110 | \$9,006,483 |
| 2010 NMFA PPRF-2461 | \$6,655,000 |

WHEREAS, the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos (“Council”) has determined that it is in the best interest of County to accept and enter into the Loan Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below, unless the context clearly requires otherwise (*such meanings to be equally applicable to both the singular and the plural forms of the terms defined unless the plural form is separately defined*):

ACT. The general laws of the State, including the Rural Infrastructure Act at sections 75-1-1 to 75-1-6 NMSA 1978, as amended; enactments of the governing Body of the Borrower relating to the Loan Agreement made by this Ordinance and its related Resolution designating signatory authority; and the powers of the Borrower as a public body under authority given by the Constitution and Statutes of the State.

ANNUAL AUDIT or SINGLE AUDIT. Financial statements of the Borrower as of the end of each Fiscal Year, audited by an Auditor, consistent with the State Auditor's rules.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER. The Borrower's Utilities Manager or Deputy Utilities Manager as designated by Resolution No. 24-13, adopted by the governing body of the Borrower.

BORROWER. The Incorporated County of Los Alamos, requesting funds pursuant to the Act.

FISCAL YEAR. The twelve-month period commencing on the first day of July of each year and ending on the last day of June of the succeeding year.

FUNDS. Loan and Loan Subsidy Grant Funds

GOVERNING BODY OF THE BORROWER. The Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos.

LOAN. A loan of funds from NMED made pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

LOAN AGREEMENT. The loan agreement between the Borrower and the NMED, pursuant to which funds will be loaned to the Borrower to construct the Project and pay eligible costs relating thereto; and the final loan agreement which shall state the final amount the NMED loaned to the Borrower, which shall be executed upon completion of the Project and dated on the date of execution.

LOAN SUBSIDY GRANT. A sub-grant of funds to the Borrower for the purpose of subsidizing the amount loaned to the Borrower under the Loan Agreement.

NMSA. New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, as amended and supplemented.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. All reasonable and necessary expenses of the System, paid or accrued, relating to operating, maintaining, and repairing the System.

ORDINANCE. This Ordinance including amendments.

PARITY BONDS or PARITY OBLIGATIONS. Revenue Bonds and other bonds or other obligations payable from the Pledged Revenues issued with a lien on the Pledged Revenues on parity with the bonds or obligations as listed in this Ordinance.

PLEDGED REVENUES. A Security Pledge of the Revenues of the Joint Utility Fund.

PROJECT. The most current NMED approved Project Description described on the Project Description Form on file with NMED.

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE. The date that operations of the completed works are initiated or capable of being initiated, whichever is earlier. This also applies to individual phases or segments.

REGULATIONS. Regulations promulgated by the New Mexico Environment Department at 20.7.2 NMAC.

SUBORDINATE OBLIGATIONS. Other obligations payable from the Pledged Revenues issued with a lien on the Pledged Revenues subordinate to the lien of the Loan Agreement as may be listed in this Ordinance.

Section 2. RATIFICATION. All action before now (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance) by the Council, the officers, and employees of the Borrower, directed toward the Loan Agreement, is ratified, approved, and confirmed as a result of this document.

Section 3. FINDINGS. The Governing Body of the Borrower declares that it has considered all relevant information and data and makes the following findings:

(A) The execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement pursuant to the Act to provide funds to finance the Project, is necessary and in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Borrower.

(B) The money available for the Project from all sources other than the Loan Agreement is not sufficient to pay, when due, the cost of the Project.

(C) The Pledged Revenues may lawfully be pledged to secure the payment of amounts due under the Loan Agreement.

Section 4. SYSTEM. The System shall continue to constitute a Water System and shall be operated and maintained as such.

Section 5. AUTHORIZATION OF PROJECT. The acquisition and construction of the Project and payment of eligible items as set forth in the Regulations, from proceeds of the Loan Agreement, is hereby authorized. Proceeds of the Loan Agreement are hereby authorized at a cost not to exceed the Principal Loan Amount of \$1,500,000 and the Loan Subsidy Grant amount of \$500,000; for a Total Funded amount of \$2,000,000 excluding any cost of the Project to be paid from any source other than the proceeds of the Loan Agreement.

Section 6. AUTHORIZATION OF LOAN AGREEMENT.

(A) For the purpose of protecting the public health, conserving property, and protecting the general welfare of the borrowing community it is hereby declared necessary that the Borrower execute and deliver the Loan Agreement to be payable and collectible solely from the Pledged Revenues. The NMED has agreed to disburse the proceeds according to the terms of the Loan Agreement to the Borrower over the construction period of the Project. The principal Loan amount shall not exceed \$1,500,000 plus accrued interest without the adoption of another ordinance amending this Ordinance by the Governing Body of the Borrower, *and the annual interest rate on that principal amount shall not exceed 1% percent per annum. Interest shall be computed as a percentage per year on the outstanding principal amount on the Loan on the basis*

of a 365-day year, actual number of days lapsed. The final maturity date shall not extend beyond the agreed upon useful life of the project. The Loan shall be repaid in substantially equal annual installments in the amount and on the dates provided in the Loan Agreement with the first annual installment due no later than one year after completion of the project. The Borrower must maintain a debt service coverage ratio of no less than 1.2 and must obtain the written consent of the NMED before issuing additional obligations secured by the Pledged Revenues.

(B) The Borrower is hereby authorized to accept a Loan Subsidy Grant of \$500,000 under the terms of the Loan Agreement.

(C) The form of the Loan Agreement is approved. The Authorized Officer is hereby directed to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and any amendments to the Loan Agreement to be executed after completion of the Project with such changes consistent with this Ordinance. The approval by an Authorized Officer of these documents in their final forms shall constitute conclusive evidence of their approval and compliance with this section.

(D) From the date of the initial execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement Authorized Officers, agents and employees of the Borrower are authorized, empowered, and directed to carry out such acts and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance and the Loan Agreement.

Section 7. SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATIONS. All Funds disbursed pursuant to the Loan Agreement shall be special limited obligations of the Borrower and shall be payable and collectible solely from the Pledged Revenues which are irrevocably pledged as set forth in this Ordinance. The NMED may not look to any general or other fund for the payment on the Loan Agreement except the designated water system special funds pledged. The Loan Agreement shall not constitute indebtedness or debts within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory provision or limitation, nor shall they be considered or be held to be general obligations of the Borrower and shall recite that they are payable and collectible solely from the Pledged Revenues.

Section 8. OPERATION OF PROJECT. The Borrower shall operate and maintain the Project so that it will function properly over its structural and material design life.

Section 9. USE OF PROCEEDS. The NMED shall disburse Funds pursuant to the Loan Agreement for NMED approved costs incurred by the Borrower for the Project or to pay contractors or suppliers of materials for work performed on the Project as set forth in the Loan Agreement.

Section 10. APPLICATION OF REVENUES.

(A) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.** So long as the Loan Agreement is outstanding, either as to principal or interest, or both, the Borrower shall pay for the operation and maintenance expenses of the System, approved indirect charges and any amounts for capital replacement and repair of the System as incurred.

(B) **PARITY OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER APPROVED DEBT(S).** The Borrower shall pay the principal and interest of parity obligations and other approved debts which are secured from the Pledged Revenues as scheduled.

(C) **EQUITABLE AND RATABLE DISTRIBUTION.** Obligations of the Borrower secured by the Pledged Revenues on parity with the Loan Agreement, from time to time

outstanding, shall not be entitled to any priority one over the other in the application of the Pledged Revenues, regardless of the time or times of their issuance or creation.

(D) SUBORDINATE OBLIGATIONS. The Pledged Revenues used for the payment of Subordinate Obligations shall be applied first to the payment of the amounts due the Loan Agreement, including payments to be made to other obligations payable from the Pledged Revenues which have a lien on the Pledged Revenues on parity with the Loan Agreement.

Section 11. LIEN OF LOAN AGREEMENT. The Loan Agreement shall constitute an irrevocable lien upon the Pledged Revenues with priorities on the Pledged Revenues as set forth in this Ordinance. The Borrower hereby pledges and grants a security interest in the Pledged Revenues for the payment and any other amounts owed by the Borrower to the NMED pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

Section 12. OTHER OBLIGATIONS. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent the Borrower from issuing bonds or other obligations payable from the Pledged Revenues and having a lien thereon subordinate to the liens of the Loan Agreement. The Borrower must obtain the written consent of the NMED before issuing additional obligations secured by the Pledged Revenues.

Section 13. DEFAULT. The following shall constitute an event of default under the Loan Agreement:

(A) The failure by the Borrower to pay the annual payment due on the repayment of the Loan set forth in the Loan Agreement when due and payable either at maturity or otherwise; or

(B) Default by the Borrower in any of its covenants or conditions set forth under the Loan Agreement (*other than a default described in the previous clause of this section*) for 60 days after the NMED has given written notice to the Borrower specifying such default and requiring the same to be remedied.

UPON OCCURRENCE OF DEFAULT:

(A) The entire unpaid principal amount of the interim and final Loan Agreement plus accrued interest and any fees thereon may be declared by the NMED to be immediately due and payable and the Borrower shall pay the amounts due from the Pledged Revenues, either immediately or in the manner required by the NMED in its declaration, but only to the extent funds are available for payment. However, if insufficient funds are available for payment, the NMED may require the Borrower to adjust the rates charged by the System to ensure repayment.

(B) The NMED shall have no further obligation to make payments to the Borrower under the Loan Agreement.

Section 14. ENFORCEMENT VENUE. The NMED retains the right to seek enforcement of the terms of the Loan Agreement. If the NMED and the Borrower cannot reach agreement regarding disputes as to the terms and conditions of this Loan Agreement, such disputes are to be resolved promptly and expeditiously in the district court of Santa Fe County. The Borrower agrees that the district court for Santa Fe County shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the Borrower and the subject matter of this Loan Agreement and waives the right to challenge such jurisdiction.

Section 15. REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT. Upon the occurrence of any of the events of default as provided in the Loan Agreement or in this Ordinance, the NMED may proceed against the Borrower to protect and enforce its rights under this Ordinance by mandamus or other suit, action or special proceedings in equity or at law, in any court of competent jurisdiction, either for the appointment of a receiver or for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained in this Ordinance for the enforcement of any proper legal or equitable remedy as the NMED may deem most effective to protect and enforce the rights provided above, or to enjoin any act or thing which may be unlawful or in violation of any right of the NMED, or to require the Borrower to act as if it were the trustee of an express trust, or any combination of such remedies. Each right or privilege of the NMED is in addition and cumulative to any other right or privilege under this Ordinance or the Loan Agreement and the exercise of any right or privilege by the NMED shall not be deemed a waiver of any other right or privilege.

Section 16. DUTIES UPON DEFAULT. Upon the occurrence of any of the events of default as provided in this Ordinance, the Borrower, in addition, will do and perform all proper acts on behalf of and for the NMED to protect and preserve the security created for the payment of the Agreement to ensure the payment on the Agreement promptly as the same become due. All proceeds derived from the System from ratepayers, so long as the Agreement is outstanding, shall be treated as revenues. If the Borrower fails or refuses to proceed as required by this Section, the NMED, after making a demand in writing, may proceed to protect and enforce the rights of the NMED as provided in this Ordinance and the Loan Agreement.

Section 17. TERMINATION. When all obligations under the Loan Agreement have been paid, the Loan Agreement shall terminate and the pledge, lien, and all other obligations of the Borrower under this Ordinance shall be discharged. The principal amount, or any part thereof, may be prepaid at any time without penalty at the discretion of the Borrower and the prepayments of principal shall be applied as set forth in the Loan Agreement.

Section 18. AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE. This Ordinance may be amended with the prior written consent of the NMED and the County.

Section 19. ORDINANCE IRREPEALABLE. After the Loan Agreement has been executed and delivered, this Ordinance shall be and remain irrevocable until the Agreement has been fully paid, terminated, and discharged, as provided in this Ordinance.

Section 20. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 21. REPEALER CLAUSE. All bylaws, orders, Ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, order, Ordinance, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS this 30th day of July 2024.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

Denise Derkacs,
Council Chair

ATTEST: (Seal)

Naomi D. Maestas,
Los Alamos County Clerk