



# County of Los Alamos

## Council Meeting Staff Report

July 9, 2024

**Agenda No.:** D.

**Indexes (Council Goals):** Quality Excellence - Effective, Efficient, and Reliable Services, Quality Excellence - Infrastructure Asset Management, Quality Governance - Fiscal Stewardship, DPU FY26 - 1.0 Provide Safe and Reliable Utility Services, DPU FY26 - 2.0 Achieve and Maintain Excellence in Financial Performance

**Presenters:** James Alarid

**Legislative File:** RE0601-24

### Title

Adoption of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 24-13 Assigning Signatory for Administration of Rural Infrastructure Loan and Grant Agreement RIP-00059 for the Water Production Wells Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades Project

### Recommended Action

**I move that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 24-13, a Resolution Assigning Signatory for Administration of Rural Infrastructure Loan and Grant Agreement RIP-00059 for the Water Production Wells Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades Project and forward to Council for Adoption.**

### Utilities Manager's Recommendation

The Utilities Manager recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 24-13.

### Board, Commission or Committee Recommendation

The Board of Public Utilities approved Resolution No. 24-13 at their regular session on June 26, 2024 and recommends that Council adopt as presented.

### Body

Authorizing signatory authority by a resolution of the governing body is a requirement of the Rural Infrastructure Program, administered by the New Mexico Environment Department. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has been awarded a \$1,500,000 loan (20-yr @ 1%) and a \$500,000 grant which will fund the Water Production Wells Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades project. The project will construct a variety of mechanical and electrical upgrades in eight (8) water supply wells. The motor control centers for each of the eight wells will be replaced, a variety of work including check valves, isolation valves, air vacuum/release valves, pressure transducers, switches, meters and miscellaneous hardware will be replaced and the well piping will be re-painted. The wells vary in age from 25 years to 58 years. The older wells typically require more refurbishment than the newer wells based on a detailed condition assessment performed in 2022. The improvements in this project are the highest priority deficiencies identified in the condition assessment required to maintain reliable operation of the county's wells.

### Alternatives

If the resolution is not approved, the award will be lost and water production funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 will be used to complete the project.

### Fiscal and Staff Impact/Unplanned Item

A summary of the project funding is provided below:

Amount	Source
\$2,727,000.00	DWSRL 5638
\$1,500,000.00	RIP-00059 Loan
\$ 500,000.00	RIP-00059 Grant

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\$ 73,000.00

Water Production Fund

**Attachments**

A - Resolution 24-13