

# PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Resolution for EPWater's funding request from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Upper Valley Surface Water Augmentation Plant project

#### **BACKGROUND**

To meet the water supply goals set in the utility's water resource plan, EPWater proposes to design and construct a new surface water augmentation plant at the site of the existing Upper Valley Water Treatment Plant in Northwest El Paso near the Texas-New Mexico state line, with an estimated cost of \$135,000,000. The new surface water augmentation plant would help EPWater address several key objectives: 1) protect the Mesilla Bolson for long-term sustainability through reducing groundwater pumping and by maximizing efficient use of Westside water resources, including the Rio Grande; 2) protect Texas water allocations by maximizing use of current Rio Grande allocations; and 3) increase water resilience for Northwest El Paso through added redundancy and interoperability. The TWDB funding for this project will primarily support design, environmental assessments and piloting. A feasibility study was completed in February of 2023 to support this project.

#### PRIOR PSB ACTION

None

#### **UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT**

Total Water Supply

# **EVALUATION PROCESS**

This \$14,000,000 TWDB funding is a direct appropriation from the state legislature and was championed by Senator Cesar Blanco, along with Representative Mary Gonzalez, and Representative Joe Moody, who are both on the Appropriations Committee. The project is expected to be placed on the TWDB's November Board Agenda.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

EPWater will not be required to provide a funding match to receive the TWDB funds in the amount of \$14,000,000 for the project. Additional funding for the remaining project costs will be pursued.

# PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Service Board Secretary-Treasurer to sign all documents necessary to submit a request for funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Upper Valley Surface Water Augmentation project in the amount of \$14,000,000; and authorize the President/CEO to provide and sign any documents in connection with the funding request, agreements and receipt of funds for the project.

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

• Resolution

# **Application Resolution - Certificate of Secretary**

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	
COUNTY OF	§	
APPLICANT	§	
I, the undersigned, Secretary of the DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:		Texas,
1. That on theday of	was held; the duly c	
all of whom were present at the meeting, except to	he following:	
Among other business considered at the meeting,	the attached resolution entitled	l:
"A RESOLUTION by the financial participation from the Texas for financial participation;		horizing the filing of an application
was introduced and submitted to the	and upon a motion made by, the resolution was	and
voted "For"	voted "Against"	abstained
all as shown in the official minutes of the	for this 1	meeting.
2. That the attached resolution is of the; the quarthe date of this meeting are those persons shown the time, place, and purpose of meeting was give meeting, and the deliberations of the public busing the meeting, including the subject of the resolution in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551	alified and acting members of the above and, according to the recent to each member of theess described above, was open on described above, was posted	ords of my office, advance notice of ; and that the to the public and written notice of and given in advance of the meeting
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signe the	-	
(SEAL)	Secretary	