



**PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEETING
AGENDA ITEM
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

SUBJECT

Resolution for the submission of a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) grant application for Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) funding for the Pure Water Center (PWC)

BACKGROUND

EPWater seeks to pursue funding through the TWDB's WSIG opportunity for the PWC. The PWC is a critical water supply project that will diversify the utility's portfolio by implementing direct potable reuse and creating a new drought-resistant source of drinking water for the community. Once operational, the facility is expected to provide up to 10 million gallons per day directly into the city's distribution system.

This project supports long-term water reliability, strengthens resiliency during drought conditions, and advances EPWater's strategy to maximize local water resources. The WSIG opportunity provides 100 percent grant funding for eligible water supply and water infrastructure projects up to \$35 million. Full applications are due July 30, 2026. The PWC aligns with the program's eligible project categories.

PRIOR PSB ACTION

- On January 11, 2018 and March 9, 2022, the Public Service Board approved resolutions authorizing U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) grant applications for the PWC. These applications resulted in total awards of \$23,000,000.

UTILITY KPI ALIGNMENT

Total Water Supply

EVALUATION PROCESS

The TWDB is soliciting WSIG grant applications under House Bill 500 (HB 500) that was approved during the 89th Texas Legislative Session. The TWDB requires applying entities to submit a resolution from their governing body requesting financial assistance with their applications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

EPWater is requesting \$35,000,000 in funding for the PWC from TWDB via the WSIG opportunity. The grant opportunity does not require a local match component.

PROPOSED ACTION REQUESTED

Consider and adopt a resolution authorizing the President/CEO or designee to submit an application to the Texas Water Development Board for Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant funding in the amount of \$35,000,000 toward the construction of the Pure Water Center with no local match requirement; and further authorize the President/CEO, Public Service Board Chair, Secretary-Treasurer to provide and sign all documents necessary in connection with the grant application, grant agreement, and acceptance of funds for this project.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED

- Resolution
- Forms

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT (TWDB) UNDER FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER TWDB-0174, "WATER SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT" (WSIG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PURE WATER CENTER, FORMERLY THE ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY (AWPF); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT/CEO AND PSB SECRETARY-TREASURER TO PROVIDE AND SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION, GRANT AGREEMENT, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT (PROJECT.)

WHEREAS, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board ("EPWater" or "PSB") was established on May 22, 1952, by Ordinance No. 752 of the City of El Paso, and was vested with complete authority and control of the management and operation of the water and wastewater systems, which provide potable water and wastewater collection and treatment for the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, EPWater has historically worked with federal and state funding agencies to obtain funds for water and energy efficiency, water reuse and recycling, membrane treatment processes, and potable water and energy improvement projects to benefit the residents of the City and County of El Paso that improve the quality and reliability of their water services, and to promote the conservation of water and energy within the service area of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, EPWater has historically applied for and received Texas Water Development Board grant funds for numerous water resource, conservation, infrastructure construction, reverse osmosis, water treatment research, supply, monitoring, and reclaimed water projects; and

WHEREAS, TWDB has released Funding Opportunity TWDB-0174 "Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant" (the Grant) and is soliciting eligible proposals for project funding, and TWDB requires a resolution of this type for submittal of a formal application for such grant funds; and.

WHEREAS, EPWater has determined that this Project, which involves construction of the Pure Water Center, formerly known as the AWPf, meets the objectives and requirements outlined under the funding opportunity.

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2026, the PSB approved the resolution authorizing the President/CEO to sign any and all required documents by TWDB to submit EPWater's application for the Grant to receive funding for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the PSB authorizes the President/CEO and PSB Secretary-Treasurer to sign any and all required documents by TWDB to submit EPWater's application for the Grant and to sign and provide any and all required documents for the acceptance of the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the PSB and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes.

Section 2. That the PSB, through EPWater's Government Affairs and Engineering divisions, has reviewed and supports EPWater's application to be submitted for Funding Opportunity TWDB-0174 "Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant" seeking financial assistance in a grant amount of \$35,000,000.

Section 3. That the PSB hereby designates the President/CEO as the authorized representative of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board for purposes of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance and the rules of the TWDB. The PSB further authorizes the President/ CEO to sign and provide any and all documents necessary to complete the submission of EPWater’s Grant application and to accept grant funds in connection with this grant for the Project, including a grant agreement.

Section 4. That the PSB Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to sign any documents required for the submittal of the Grant application.

Section 5. There is no matching contribution on behalf of EPWater for the Project if Grant funds are awarded to EPWater.

Section 6. That the PSB agrees, if awarded, to work with the Texas Water Development Board to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement and to conduct this project, if awarded, according to all of the water conservation, planning, environmental, engineering, and renewable energy reporting and accounting procedures required by the TWDB.

PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of the Public Service Board, this 8th day of July 2026 at which meeting a quorum was present, held in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001, et. seq.

EL PASO WATER UTILITIES
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Dr. Anna Gitter, Chair

ATTEST:

Stefanie Block, Secretary- Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel

Jeff Tepsick, Chief Financial Officer

Application Affidavit

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

APPLICANT _____ §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____ as the Authorized Representative of the _____, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath says that:

1. The decision by the _____ (authority, city, county, corporation, district) to request financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") was made in a public meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (Government Code, §551.001, et seq.) and after providing such notice as required by such Act as is applicable to the _____ (authority, city, county, corporation, district).

2. The information submitted in the application is true and correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

3. The _____ (authority, city, county, corporation, district) has no litigation or other proceedings pending or threatened against it that would materially adversely affect its financial condition or ability to issue debt.

4. The _____ (authority, city, county, corporation, district) has no pending, threatened, or outstanding judgments, orders, fines, penalties, taxes, assessment or other enforcement or compliance issue of any kind or nature by the Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Comptroller, Texas Secretary of State, or any other federal, state or local government, except for the following (if no such outstanding compliance issues, write in "none"):

_____.

5. The _____ (authority, city, county, corporation, district) warrants compliance with the representations made in the application in the event that the TWDB provides the financial assistance.

6. The _____ (authority, city, county, corporation, district) is or will become in compliance with all of its material contracts.

7. The _____ (authority, city, county, corporation, district) will
comply with all applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations as well as the laws of this state and the rules and
regulations of the TWDB.

Official Representative

Title: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by _____,
on this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(NOTARY'S SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Texas

Application Filing and Authorized Representative Resolution

A RESOLUTION by the _____ of the _____ requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ OF THE _____:

SECTION 1: That an application is hereby approved and authorized to be filed with the Texas Water Development Board seeking financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$_____ to provide for the costs of _____.

SECTION 2: That _____ be and is hereby designated the authorized representative of the _____ for purposes of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance and the rules of the Texas Water Development Board.

SECTION 3: That the following firms and individuals are hereby authorized and directed to aid and assist in the preparation and submission of such application and appear on behalf of and represent the _____ before any hearing held by the Texas Water Development Board on such application, to wit:

Financial Advisor: _____

Engineer: _____

Bond Counsel: _____

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST: _____

By: _____

(Seal)

