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Chief Executive Officer

December 18, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL UPDATE PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING
BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

Adopt the Resolution delegating authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to file an application to the California Department of Water Resources for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the Antelope Valley Groundwater Flow Model Update project; and designating the Director of Public Works or his designee to act as the authorized representative of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, when conducting business with the California Department of Water Resources on any and all matters related to the grant, including negotiating and executing a grant agreement and signing requests for payment or reimbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to allow submittal of a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (Grant Program) application in the amount of \$250,000 to the California Department of Water Resources for the Antelope Valley Groundwater

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Flow Model Update project. The project consists of updating the groundwater flow model, which contains historical groundwater level data through 1995, to include the levels for the period of 1996 to 2005. The updated model will be used to evaluate the impacts of the operation of existing and planned injection/extraction wells on groundwater levels, simulate the effects of natural groundwater recharge and irrigation return flows, and analyze potential groundwater basin management alternatives.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) and Community Services (Goal 6) by applying for State grant funds to enhance the reliability of water service to the customers of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District) and improve the quality of life for Antelope Valley residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$512,000. The United States Geological Survey has agreed to fund up to \$119,000 of the cost. The remaining \$393,000 will be funded by the District with partial reimbursement in the amount of \$250,000 if the grant is awarded. On May 29, 2007, your Board authorized the District to fund up to \$152,500 towards the project cost from the District's Fiscal Year 2006-07 General Fund. Sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the District's share of the cost in the District's Fiscal Year 2007-08 General Fund N63.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (California Water Code [CWC] Section 10795 *et seq.* [Assembly Bill 303]) was enacted to provide grants to local public agencies to conduct groundwater studies, monitoring, and/or management activities. A total of \$6.4 million in funding from Proposition 50, Chapter 8 (CWC Section 79560 *et seq.*) is available for Fiscal Year 2007-08 Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) Grant Program. In October 2007, the California Department of Water Resources released a Proposal Solicitation Package that contains information on the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program, including details on the application submittal requirements; proposal review, evaluation, and grant approval process; and Grant Program schedule. The Grant Program requires that applications include a Resolution from the applicant's governing body authorizing its representative to file the application and execute a grant agreement.

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The attached Resolution has been prepared in accordance with the requirements for the Grant Program and has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The work for the project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6, of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The adoption of the attached Resolution will allow the District to apply for State grant funds to enhance the reliability of water service to the District's customers and improve the quality of life for Antelope Valley residents. There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,
APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR A LOCAL
GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, this Grant Program is administered by the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources requires the governing body of a grant applicant to designate, by Resolution, an authorized representative for filing the grant application and executing the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, intends to submit an application for grant funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000) for the Antelope Valley Groundwater Flow Model Update project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, does hereby:

1. Approve that application be made to the California Department of Water Resources for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.*), and to enter into an Agreement to receive a grant for the Antelope Valley Groundwater Flow Model Update project; and
2. Authorize and direct the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, and file an application to the California Department of Water Resources for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000); and
3. Designate the Director of Public Works or his designee to act as the authorized representative of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, when conducting business with the California Department of Water Resources on any and all matters related to this grant, including negotiating and executing the Grant Agreement and signing requests for payment or reimbursement.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the ___ day of _____, 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy