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Mr. Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Election Coordination Unit
12400 Imperial Highway, 2nd Floor, Room 2013A
Norwalk, CA 90650

Dear Mr. Logan:

Please find enclosed executed copies of the City of Bell Gardens City Council approved Resolution No. 2026-53

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, (1) PROPOSING TO SELL THE BELL GARDENS MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM TO THE GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY, (2) MAKING REQUIRED FINDINGS RELATED TO THIS PROPOSAL, AND (3)(i) CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 TO SUBMIT TO THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS VOTERS THE PROPOSED SALE; (ii) REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SUCH ELECTION WITH THE COUNTY-ADMINISTERED GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY; AND (iii) REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERFORM ELECTION SERVICES

The City of Bell Gardens has requested that Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorize the consolidation of the City's General Municipal election of November 3, 2026, with the County-administered General Election of the same date.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 806-7705.

Sincerely,

Daisy Gomez
City Clerk
cityclerkdesk@bellgardens.org
Enclosure

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WHEREAS, on December 11, 2025, the City of Bell Gardens released a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the purchase of the City of Bell Gardens Municipal Water System (the "Water System"); and

WHEREAS, the City received two proposals in response to this RFP, including one from Golden State Water Company ("Golden State") dated March 16, 2026 (the "Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2026, the Bell Gardens City Council held a noticed public hearing on the Proposal from Golden State, and it wishes to proceed with selling the Water System to Golden State on the terms presented in that Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City's voters must approve this sale (Pub. Util. Code, § 10061); and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the approval of this Resolution, the City Council has also approved for first reading Ordinance No. 971 (hereinafter, "the Ordinance"), which, if approved by the City of Bell Gardens voters, permits the City to sell the Water System (a true and correct copy of the Ordinance is attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit "A"**); and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to present the Ordinance to the City's voters at the municipal election to be held November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council requests that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board") authorize and direct the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (hereinafter, "the County Elections Official") to consolidate the City's November 3, 2026, regular municipal election with the County-administered Statewide Election of the same date; and

WHEREAS, the City shall compensate the County for all necessary expenses incurred by the County in providing the regular election administration services for the City, including any such additional costs arising out of the placement of the above-described ballot measure on the City's November 3, 2026 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also wishes to (i) establish rules for the submission of written arguments and rebuttals for and against the Measure in accordance with applicable Elections Code procedures; (ii) direct the timely preparation of the City Attorney's impartial analysis; and (iii) provide such other direction as may be necessary to facilitate the placement of the Measure on the ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council, after consideration of the staff report and discussion, hereby finds that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporates them herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council proposes to sell the Water System to Golden State.

SECTION 3. For at least the following reasons, the City Council finds that the terms presented in the Proposal show that selling the Water System to Golden State is in the public interest, the City will receive just compensation from this transaction, and Golden State will provide equal or better water service to the City's residents on terms that are just, reasonable, and do not discriminate against those residents.

- A. The proposed sale of the Water System to Golden State consolidates water service under a single, experienced provider with established operations in the City, thereby promoting operational efficiency, system reliability, and administrative simplicity for residents.
- B. The proposed purchase price of \$41,000,000 constitutes fair and reasonable compensation for the Water System, taking into account the system's assets, infrastructure condition, water rights, and future capital needs, and will provide significant financial benefit to the City.
- C. The proposed sale will relieve the City and its taxpayers of substantial financial obligations associated with the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Water System, including capital improvements necessary to address aging infrastructure and emerging water quality requirements.
- D. The Proposal provides meaningful short-term protection to residents by committing to keep existing water rates in effect until at least January 1, 2028, thereby ensuring a stable transition period for customers.

- E. Selling the Water System to Golden State means the City’s residents will have access to a larger regional water system, redundant supplies, advanced treatment capabilities, and 24-hour customer service.
- F. Incorporating the Water System into Golden State’s broader regional network will enhance long-term system reliability, including through access to greater capital resources, asset management programs, and a larger customer base over which to spread the cost of service.
- G. In particular, the sale will benefit City residents by spreading the cost of future capital improvements — including necessary investments in treatment facilities, storage infrastructure, and pipeline replacement — across Golden State’s broader regional customer base of approximately 100,000 service connections. This regional cost-sharing structure is reasonably expected to significantly reduce the financial burden that would otherwise fall on the City’s smaller customer base alone.
- H. Golden State has demonstrated the capability to seamlessly integrate the System into its existing operations to ensure the continued provision of safe, reliable, and high-quality water service to City residents without interruption.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to the laws of the State of California, the City Council hereby calls and notices a general municipal election to be held on November 3, 2026 (the “Election”), to consider the following measure:

Measure ____

Shall the measure permitting the City of Bell Gardens to sell the Bell Gardens Municipal Water System to the Golden State Water Company be adopted?	Yes ____ No ____
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The full Ordinance comprising this measure is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated here by this reference. This Ordinance requires the approval of a simple majority (50% plus one) of those voting on it.

SECTION 5. The City Council hereby asks the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (“Board of Supervisors”) to authorize the County Elections Official to render all services necessary to conduct the Election. The City Council hereby asks the Board of Supervisors to consolidate the Election with any other election the County Elections Official is to administer on November 3, 2026, and to order the Election to be conducted by the County Elections Official. (Elec. Code, §§ 10402, 10403.) The City Council acknowledges that the Election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418. The ballots to be used in the election shall be in the form and content as required by law.

The City Clerk is authorized and directed to work with the County Elections Official and to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia as needed to properly and lawfully conduct the Election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the Election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections. The City of Bell Gardens will reimburse Los Angeles County for the actual costs incurred in conducting the Election upon receipt of a bill stating the amount due.

The notice of the time and place of holding the Election is hereby given, and the City Clerk and County Elections Official are authorized to give further notice of the Election as required by law.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors, with a copy to the County Elections Official. (Elec. Code, § 10403.) The City Clerk is further authorized and directed to perform all other acts necessary or required by law to implement this Resolution and related to the Election.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall set the deadline for submission of arguments in favor of or against the Ordinance and provide notice of that deadline. The City Clerk may do this in coordination with the County Elections Official, as necessary. In all respects, the process to choose these arguments shall accord with Elections Code sections 9280 *et seq.* and 9600 *et seq.*

Further, the City Council hereby adopts the provisions of Elections Code section 9285(a) authorizing a rebuttal argument only as to arguments for the Election. This adoption is repealed, and the provisions of section 9285(a) shall not apply thereafter.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of the Ordinance to the City Attorney, who shall prepare an impartial analysis of the Ordinance in accordance with applicable law. The impartial analysis shall indicate that the measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

If the entire text of the Ordinance is not printed in the voter information pamphlet, the following shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis in no smaller than 10-point type: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure ___. The full text of Measure ___ can be found online at [URL]. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the election official's office at 562-806-7704 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

SECTION 9. This Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 *et seq.*). It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that selling the Bell Gardens Municipal Water System, in itself, may have a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR § 15061(b)(3).)

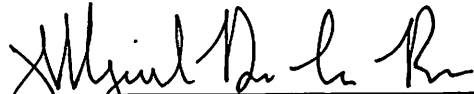
SECTION 10. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would

have adopted this Resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion therefore, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions might subsequently be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions, and it shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

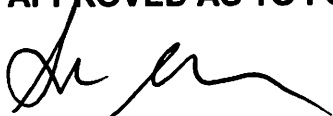
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2026.

THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS



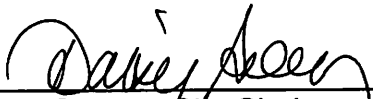
Miguel De La Rosa, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Stephanie Vasquez, City Attorney

ATTEST:



Daisy Gomez, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"
ORDINANCE NO. 971

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS
AUTHORIZING THE BELL GARDENS CITY COUNCIL TO SELL THE
BELL GARDENS MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM TO THE GOLDEN
STATE WATER COMPANY**

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WHEREAS, on June 8, 2026, the Bell Gardens City Council held a noticed public hearing on the Proposal from Golden State, and it resolved to ask the City’s voters for permission to accept that Proposal and sell the Water System to Golden State (Pub. Util. Code, § 10061).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council, after consideration of the staff report and discussion, hereby find that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporate them herein.

SECTION 2. The City of Bell Gardens is hereby authorized to sell the Water System to Golden State.

SECTION 3. For at least the following reasons, the City finds that the terms presented in the Proposal show that selling the Water System to Golden State is in the public interest, the City will receive just compensation from this transaction, and Golden State will provide equal or better water service to the City’s residents on terms that are just, reasonable, and do not discriminate against those residents.

- I. The proposed sale of the Water System to Golden State consolidates water service under a single, experienced provider with established operations in the City, thereby promoting operational efficiency, system reliability, and administrative simplicity for residents.
- J. The proposed purchase price of \$41,000,000 constitutes fair and reasonable compensation for the Water System, taking into account the system’s assets, infrastructure condition, water rights, and future capital needs, and will provide significant financial benefit to the City.
- K. The proposed sale will relieve the City and its taxpayers of substantial financial obligations associated with the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the

- Water System, including capital improvements necessary to address aging infrastructure and emerging water quality requirements.
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 - O. In particular, the sale will benefit City residents by spreading the cost of future capital improvements — including necessary investments in treatment facilities, storage infrastructure, and pipeline replacement — across Golden State's broader regional customer base of approximately 100,000 service connections. This regional cost-sharing structure is reasonably expected to significantly reduce the financial burden that would otherwise fall on the City's smaller customer base alone.
 - P. Golden State has demonstrated the capability to seamlessly integrate the System into its existing operations to ensure the continued provision of safe, reliable, and high-quality water service to City residents without interruption.

SECTION 4. The City recognizes that Golden State must also obtain approval by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") to purchase the Water System. The sale permitted by this Ordinance is therefore expressly conditioned upon such approval by the CPUC on terms acceptable to the City Council. This Ordinance authorizes, but does not obligate, the City Council to sell the Water System to Golden State. The City Council retains full discretion, at any time prior to closing the transaction, to decline to proceed with the sale if the CPUC imposes conditions, requirements, or modifications to the Proposal that, in the judgment of the City Council, would materially diminish the anticipated benefits to the City or its residents, including but not limited to impacts on water rates, service quality, reliability, or other material terms and conditions of service.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 *et seq.*). It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that selling the Bell Gardens Municipal Water System, in itself, may have a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR § 15061(b)(3).)

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The people of Bell Gardens hereby declare that they

would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion therefore, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions might subsequently be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 7. The Mayor shall sign, and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Ordinance upon certification by the City Council of the results of the election approving it. This Ordinance shall go into effect ten days thereafter. (Elec. Code, § 9217.)

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2026.

THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS

Miguel De La Rosa, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Stephanie Vasquez
City Attorney

Daisy Gomez
City Clerk

I, Daisy Gomez, City Clerk of the City of Bell Gardens, hereby CERTIFY that **City Council Resolution No. 2026-53** was adopted by the Bell Gardens City Council at a **regular** meeting of the City Council held on **Monday, June 8, 2026**, and was approved and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember: Sanchez; Mayor Pro Tem Guillen; Mayor De La Rosa
NOES: Councilmembers: Barcena, Chavez
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Daisy Gomez, City Clerk