



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** March 22, 2016
From: Jennifer Heim, Special Projects Manager **Item No:** 4A
Subject: **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART: DROUGHT RESILIENCY GRANT PROGRAM**

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council adopt Resolution 2016-13, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley, Approving the Application for Grant Funds to Implement the Use of Reclaimed Water for Irrigation at five (5) Town Sites under the WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Project Grant Program

SUMMARY:

The Town of Apple Valley Reclaimed Water Phase 1 Delivery Infrastructure Project provides for the planning and installation of reclaimed water pipeline connections to begin utilizing up to 1 million gallons per day of reclaimed wastewater from the new Apple Valley Subregional Water Reclamation Plant (currently under construction).

This resolution will authorize staff to seek \$300,000 in grant funding from the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Project Grant Program. As a requirement for acceptance, the Bureau of Reclamation requires a resolution adopted by the agency's governing body accompany the application upon submittal.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2014, the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority awarded a contract for construction of the Apple Valley Subregional Water Reclamation Plant (WRP). Construction of the WRP commenced in February 2015 and is scheduled for completion by spring 2017. Once online, the Apple Valley WRP will treat the wastewater from the Town's local sewer collection system and will provide high-quality, nonpotable recycled water to be redirected to four Town parks and one school for irrigation. The Town currently uses zero recycled water, and the new facility has the potential to provide one million gallons per day of recycled water, or 1,000 AFY (acre-feet per year), to irrigate the aforementioned sites (approximately 170 acres of turf).

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, the grant requires a match equal to 50% of total project costs; 50% of total project costs are estimated to be \$686,250. Combined Prop.1 grant and State Revolving Fund Water Recycling program funds would serve as the Town's match.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER FOR IRRIGATION AT FIVE TOWN SITES UNDER THE WATERSMART: DROUGHT RESILIENCY PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the United States Department of the Interior have provided funds for the WaterSMART Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Bureau of Reclamation require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s); and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the development of the proposal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley as follows:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Project Grant Program by the Town of Apple Valley, requesting up to \$300,000 in funding support for the implementation of a reclaimed water project; and
2. Appoints the Town Manager of Apple Valley or his designee, to act as agent with legal authority to enter into the grant agreement, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and any other grant required correspondence which may be necessary for the completion of the grant program; and
3. Certifies that the Town of Apple Valley has sufficient funds available to provide 50% of the total project costs as matching funds/in-kind contributions; and
4. Certifies that the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley has reviewed and supports the proposed application; and
5. Certifies that the Town of Apple valley will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Apple valley this
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Barb Stanton, Mayor

ATTEST:

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk