

RESOLUTION OF  
THE GALLUP CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION No. R2020-31

Approving Submission of an Application to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for funding of a G-80  
Municipal Ground Water Well

WHEREAS, the City of Gallup is a formal participant in the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP) pursuant to Public Law 111-11 as passed by Congress and signed by the President in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the project planning work accomplished under the NGWSP Steering Committee over the past two decades. The City of Gallup has prepared a master plan for build-out of the Gallup-Rural Navajo Regional Water System. Co-designed and coordinated with appraisal-level plans approved for the NGWSP as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Regional System master plan. Prepared on the City's behalf by DePauli Engineering and Surveying LLC, lends itself to construction of water facilities to accommodate the use of groundwater supply in the short-term and surface water supply in the long-term, and to collaboratively allocate and utilize that supply for the benefit of both the City and its neighboring rural communities; and

WHEREAS, over the past eight years, the City has submitted a series of applications to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for funding of phases of the Regional System master plan, from which the City has been awarded sequential Water Trust Board appropriations by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, because of the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has been contacted and requested repeatedly to increase its ground water diversions to assist in the water supply to the Navajo Nations and other surrounding communities within McKinley County; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, with agreement of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, has delayed the completion date of the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project's San Juan Lateral by three to five years from the originally scheduled completion date of December 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City's ground water wells may not be able to reliably supply water to the City and surrounding areas beyond December 2024;

WHEREAS, the City has resolved all protests to Water Rights Application No. G-80/SJ-1491 *et al.*, filed on October 15, 1981, and has requested expedited approval of this application from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the City has begun the process of seeking funding for up to three municipal ground water wells in the G-80 well field; and

WHEREAS, the G-80 Municipal Ground Water Well Project will consist of the siting, design, drilling, installation of a municipal ground water well and all necessary appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Water Trust Board has invited applications from eligible entities for funding in the new funding cycle, with applications due October 8, 2020, and application preparation was completed with technical assistance by DePauli Engineering and Surveying;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Gallup to approve submission of a funding application to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for funding of "Project 7B" of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, in a duly called meeting of the Gallup City Council at which a quorum was present, at Gallup, New Mexico, by a vote of \_\_\_ in favor \_\_\_ opposed, and \_\_\_ abstaining.

CITY OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Louis O. Bonaguidi, Mayor  
City of Gallup

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk  
City of Gallup