

RESOLUTION OF THE GALLUP CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. R2022-35

Approving Submission of an Application to the New Mexico Water Trust Board  
for funding of two water wells

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 ten years, the City of Gallup 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, due to an unforeseen delay in the project, the City of Gallup finds itself needing additional groundwater capacity that includes drilling and equipping several water wells for which this application would hopefully fund two functional wells both for current use and conjunctive use for the project; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Water Trust Board has invited applications from eligible entities for funding in the new funding cycle, with applications due September 23, 2022, and application preparation shall be completed with technical assistance by DePauli Engineering and Surveying LLC and Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Gallup to:

1. Approve submission of a funding application to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for funding two water wells needed for the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project and committing to the match.
2. Provide this resolution as a threshold waiver for past unspent Water Trust Board investments due to the emergency nature of this need;
3. Request a hardship loan waiver and a 90-10% rate due to the City of Gallup's financial and debt capacity issues.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2022, 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

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