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**Date:** March 19, 2025

**To:** The Honorable Board of Directors

**From:** Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager

**Committee:**

**Staff Contact:** Alyson Piguee, Director of External & Government Affairs

**Subject:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-3-1, Authorizing IEUA to Enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement under WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects for Fiscal Year 2023/24

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**Executive Summary:**

The U.S. Department of the Interior’s (Department) Water Sustain and Manage America’s Resources for Tomorrow (WaterSMART) Program provides a framework for Federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies for future generations in support of the Department’s priorities. Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply sustainability through investments in existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts.

Inland Empire Utilities Agency will seek grant funds in Round Three of the Large-Scale Water Recycling Program to offset planning and construction costs for the Chino Basin Advanced Treated Recycled Water, Storage, and Production Project for up to \$180 Million for Large-Scale projects with an anticipated total project cost greater than \$500,000,000. The Federal Funding Amount is based on a maximum 25 percent of the total cost of planning, design, and construction completed after the date of Reclamation’s feasibility study review findings within three years of the application’s submittal period deadline.

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**Staff's Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2025-3-1, authorizing IEUA to enter into a financial assistance agreement under WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects for Fiscal Years 2023/24 for the Chino Basin Advanced Treated Recycled Water, Storage, and Production Project.

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**Budget Impact** *Budgeted (Y/N): Y Amendment (Y/N): N Amount for Requested Approval*

*Account/Project Name:* Chino Basin Advanced Treated Recycled Water, Storage, and Production Project

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**Regional Sewerage** *Technical Committee (Y/N):*

*Policy Committee (Y/N):*

**Prior Board Action:**

On April 17, 2024, the Board approved Resolution No. 2024-4-2, authorizing entering into a funding agreement under the WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Program. IEUA submitted an application for Round Two of funding on May 30, 2024.

On February 15, 2023, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-2-1, authorizing entering into a funding agreement under the WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning Program with the U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Reclamation.

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**Attachments:**

Attachment 2 - [Resolution No. 2025-3-1](#)