

RESOLUTION NO. R24-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE COSTS FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND TESTING OF THE 91ST AVENUE ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY WITH THE CITY OF PHOENIX AND OTHER VARIOUS PARTICIPATING ENTITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$195,240.

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale and other municipalities in this agreement provide clean, safe, and reliable water to their customers in Arizona and have long recognized the importance of having strong water supplies and have been planning accordingly due to the ongoing drought of the Colorado River; and

WHEREAS, the City along with other participating entities has supported and complied with Arizona's innovative groundwater management laws, which focus on water conservation and reducing water usage, and has also supported the State's Assured Water Supply program ensuring a 100-year water supply for residents, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, despite ongoing water conservation efforts to decrease the CAP supply during drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin, the City, and other municipalities recognize that one of the most significant and reliable water supplies readily available in the State is uncommitted wastewater and advanced water purification technology and current regulations now allow this water to be treated for safe direct use; and

WHEREAS, the 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant is the largest wastewater treatment plant in the State. It is owned by the Cities of Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe and currently produces significant supplies of uncommitted wastewater that can be used as an advanced water purification facility (AWPF), and other cities may benefit through AWPF exchange; contractual arrangements, and other water management tools; and

WHEREAS, the City and participating entities have previously entered a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding to Investigate a Regional Advanced Water Purification Study, dated November 27, 2023, and now wish to terminate that Memorandum and enter into a binding agreement that will advance the design, construction, and governance of a multi-party AWPF to produce water that meets all relevant regulatory requirements and can be safely introduced directly into potable water systems.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. That it is deemed in the best interest of the City of Glendale and the citizens thereof for the City of Glendale to enter into the Agreement with the City of Phoenix and Arizona cities of Mesa, Scottsdale, Town of Gilbert, and EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc. to share costs for the feasibility studies and testing of the 91st avenue advanced water purification facility where the cities agree to contribute funding towards the estimated project cost of \$3,000,000 through June 30, 2025. The City of Glendale's portion is in an amount not to exceed \$195,240.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager or designee and the City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the City of Glendale.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 24th day of September, 2024.

Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

ATTEST:

Julie K. Bower, City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael D. Bailey, City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

Kevin R. Phelps, City Manager