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## RESOLUTION NO.

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**WHEREAS**, the Texas Water Development Board administers the Flood Infrastructure Fund zero interest loan program established by the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Flood Wall project (Project) aims to prevent encroachment of flood waters at Walnut Creek WWTP; and

WHEREAS, once completed, the project will consist of approximately 5,650 linear feet of sheet pile and 1,600 linear feet of concrete wall, totaling 7,250 linear feet, ranging in height from three feet to twelve feet. The flood wall also includes up to seven flood gates to allow pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress into the plant site; and

WHEREAS, the Project will encompass the Walnut Creek WWTP, approximately 63 acres, including the existing 75 million gallon per day (MGD) plant, existing administration and maintenance buildings, existing reclaimed facilities, the proposed 25 MGD plant, and the proposed wet weather facility; and

WHEREAS, Austin Water is seeking a zero interest loan from the Texas Water Development Board, not to exceed \$65,000,000, to fund the construction phase of the Project; NOW, THEREFORE,

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council authorizes the City Manager to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for a zero-interest loan in an amount not City of Austin

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to exceed \$65,000,000 from the State's Flood Infrastructure Fund for Austin Water's Walnut Creek WWTP Flood Wall Project.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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The City Council designates Shay Ralls Roalson, Director of Austin Water, the authorized representative of the City of Austin for purposes of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance in compliance and the rules of the Texas Water Development Board.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council authorizes the following firms to assist the City in its preparation and submission of the application and if necessary, to appear on behalf of and represent the City before any hearing held by the Texas Water Development Board regarding the application: bond counsel from the firm of McCall, Parkhurst and Horton LLP and financial advisors from the firm of Public Financial Management, Inc.

<b>ADOPTED:</b>	, 2025	ATTEST:	
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			City Clerk