

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) administers low-interest loans through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for a wide range of wastewater, storm water, reuse, and other pollution control projects; and

WHEREAS, the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plan (WWTP) receives wastewater flow from Austin Water's wastewater collection system and was built in 1977; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2024, Council authorized negotiation and execution of a contract for pre-construction and construction services for an expansion of the WWTP to 100 million gallons per day (MGD) and a two-hour peak flow of 3,000 MGD, in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and the requirements of Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Part 1; and

WHEREAS, Austin Water is seeking a low-interest loan not to exceed \$59,000,000 from the TWDB to fund a portion of the WWTP expansion project;

WHEREAS, reduced interest rates on this loan will save Austin Water ratepayers financing costs as compared to traditional revenue bond financing; and

WHEREAS, this project will also implement Biological Nutrient Removal in both the existing and proposed facilities to meet more stringent effluent quality limits specified in the WWTP's discharge permit issued by TCEQ; **NOW,**

THEREFORE,

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

24 The City Council authorizes the City Manager or his designee to file an
25 application with the Texas Water Development Board for a low-interest loan from
26 EPA's CWSRF loan program in an amount not to exceed \$59,000,000 to provide
27 for Austin Water's Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

29 The City Council designates Shay Ralls Roalson, Director of Austin Water,
30 or her successor, as the authorized representative of the City of Austin for purposes
31 of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required
32 in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial
33 assistance in compliance and the rules of the TWDB and EPA.

34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

35 The City Council authorizes the following firms to assist the City in its
36 preparation and submission of the application and if needed, to appear on behalf of
37 and represent the City before any hearing held by the TWDB regarding the
38 application: bond counsel from the firm of McCall, Parkhurst and Horton LLP and
39 financial advisors from the firm of Public Financial Management, Inc.

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41 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2025

ATTEST: _____

42 Erika Brady
43 City Clerk
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