

Resolution No.

# STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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## **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA EXTENDED WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,362,493.06, APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, AND APPROVE A WAIVER OF ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER LATE PAYMENT FEES**

On July 22, 2021, the Governor signed California Assembly Bill 148 allocating \$985 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) funds to the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (Program) administered by the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board); and

On July 10, 2023, Governor Newsom signed a budget trailer bill extending the Program relief period to December 31, 2022, where the State Legislature allocated the remaining \$600 million in federal funding to the California Extended Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (Extended Program); and

The Extended Program offers community water and wastewater utility funds to provide financial relief for past-due residential and commercial water and wastewater bills accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic relief period between June 16, 2021, and December 31, 2022; and

In December 2023, the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department (MUD) applied for Extended Program funding and supplied all the necessary information to receive funds under the program. The MUD anticipates an award of up to \$2,362,493.06 in program funding; and

The Extended Program requires the MUD to issue a credit to customer accounts within 60 days of receiving the program funds to eligible water and wastewater utility accounts, notify customers in writing, and waive all late fees for qualifying water and wastewater arrearages; and

The City may expend up to three percent (3) or \$1 million, whichever is less, for costs incurred to apply for assistance or to comply with program requirements; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to accept and appropriate funds from the California Extended Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program in an amount up to \$2,362,493.06.

2. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to allocate funds in accordance with all Extended Program requirements.

3. The City Manager is directed to approve a waiver of customer late payment fees for water and wastewater arrearages eligible under the Extended Program in an amount anticipated to be under \$250,000.00.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED April 16, 2024.

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KEVIN J. LINCOLN II  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton