CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: October 24, 2023
General Plan Element: ***Public Service & Facilities***
General Plan Goal: **Ensure renewable, long-term water supply**

ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 12940 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to sign an application for modification of Designation of Assured Water Supply.

BACKGROUND

The 1980 Groundwater Management Act requires cities demonstrate they have a 100-year assured water supply (renewable water resources) for any proposed new development. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) designated the City of Scottsdale as having an Assured Water Supply (AWS) Designation in 1998. The AWS Designation is subject to routine evaluation and was assessed for approval and modification in 2010. Scottsdale modified the 2010 Designation in 2013 due to requirements with Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD) Water Availability Status (WAS) requirements. The current AWS Designation is due for renewal by the end of 2025 to update and reaffirm demonstration of sufficient renewable water supplies to meet current and projected demands.

IMPLEMENTATION

The deadline for approval of this modification is end of calendar year 2025, however submission is the end of calendar year 2023. The requested term of 15 years is recommended by ADWR and will begin once the modification is approved. Once approved, this modification will demonstrate Scottsdale has acquired sufficient renewable water supplies to meet current and projected demands through the planning horizon. The Arizona Assured Water Supply statutes require the City of Scottsdale to submit a resolution of its governing body authorizing the City Manager to sign the application.

Action Taken _____

RESOURCE IMPACTS

Available funding

The initial application fee for modification of a designation of assured water supply is $2,000. The total application review fee is calculated using an hourly fee plus costs up to a maximum total fee of $35,000. The FY 2023/2024 operating budget for the Water Resources Division includes sufficient funding.

Staffing, Workload Impact

Current staff will support the program and no additional staff is needed.

OPTIONS & STAFF REOMMENDATION

Recommended Approach

Adopt Resolution No. 12940 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to sign an application for modification of Designation of Assured Water Supply.

Description of Option B

Not approve

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

Water Resources Division

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9/21/2023
Date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 12940

RESOLUTION NO. 12940

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF DESIGNATION OF ASSURED WATER SUPPLY.

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") issued Decision and Order No. 86-400619.0001 which designated the City of Scottsdale, Arizona as having an Assured Water Supply demonstrating sufficient water supplies to meet current, committed and projected demands through December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, in 2013 ADWR issued Decision and Order No. 86-400619.0002 modifying the City's Assured Water Supply designation to address reduced amounts of Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD) obligation.

WHEREAS, pursuant to these decisions and orders, the City of Scottsdale must submit an application for re-designation to the Arizona Department of Water Resources to request a modification of designation of Assured Water Supply to update supplies and projected demands.

WHEREAS, Arizona Administrative Code R12-15-710(B), requires that a city applying for a modification of an Assured Water Supply designation submit a resolution of the governing body authorizing the city manager to sign the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to sign the application, which is on file at the City Clerk's office for the City of Scottsdale, Arizona, to request a modification of the designation of Assured Water Supply pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code R12-15-710(B).

Section 2. That the various City officers and employees are hereby authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona this _____ day of _____, 2023.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona municipal corporation

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David D. Ortega, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ben Lane, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Tyler

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By: Karen Tyler, Senior Assistant City Attorney