

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: June 9, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **City of Lancaster- Intent to Submit Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project Application for Bureau of Reclamation Grant Funds**

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### **Recommendation:**

Adopt **Resolution No. 09-44**, supporting requisition of a portion of the Bureau of Reclamation allocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds. The allocation is made available to local governments for the design, and construction of water/wastewater efficiency projects. If funds are received, apply the same to the Lancaster Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project and authorize the Deputy City Manager to sign all necessary documents to obtain the funding.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Although the specific fiscal impact to the City of Lancaster cannot be determined at this time, the Bureau of Reclamation allocation would make funds available for Lancaster. The Bureau of Reclamation may provide a maximum grant of \$5 million. The match dollars will be a combination of City in-kind contribution and local partner share. The project cost is estimated at \$12,295,910 proportioned as follows: \$2,641,138 City of Lancaster, \$4,654,772 eSolar, and \$5,000,000 Bureau of Reclamation grant.

### **Background:**

In February 2009, the President of the United States of America signed into law the ARRA to provide a stimulus to the U.S. economy by federal domestic spending in sectors such as water/wastewater facilities and implementation, including funding to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Reclamation provides grant assistance to local governments for the costs of design, construction and implementation of Water Banking and Water Marketing projects.

The City has been working on a Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project that, when implemented, will provide significant benefit to the City and the region. Briefly, the GWRPP is a necessary first step that will provide the roadmap for implementing future large scale recharge projects using recycled water in the Antelope Valley.

The attached resolution is a necessary part of the application process and needs to be adopted by the City Council and submitted no later than June 21, 2009. The application has been prepared and was submitted before the deadline of May 22, 2009.

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### **Attachment:**

Resolution No. 09-44