

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
September 15, 2026

WHEREAS, a goal of OC Public Works is to protect and enhance water resources through collaborative water conservation and watershed management programs; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation administers the WaterSMART Grants Program to support projects that improve water conservation, water use efficiency, and long-term water supply reliability in communities facing increasing drought and water scarcity challenges; and

WHEREAS, the H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program promotes water conservation and watershed protection by providing financial incentives and technical assistance to homeowner associations to replace non-functional turf with climate-appropriate, low water-use landscaping; and

WHEREAS, OC Public Works submitted an application to the Bureau of Reclamation for grant funding under the WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Program to support implementation of the H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation subsequently awarded the County of Orange grant funding in the amount of \$124,980 for implementation of the H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, the total project budget includes \$124,980 in federal grant funds and a required 50 percent non-federal cost share to be fulfilled through contributions from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, program participant contributions, and County cost-share funds already designated for the program; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant award will allow the County of Orange to leverage federal and regional funding to reduce potable water demand, improve water quality through reduced runoff, increase regional drought resilience, and conserve approximately 6.75 acre-feet of water annually throughout South Orange County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby:

1. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works, or designee, to retroactively accept the award of \$124,980 for the United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects — H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program and delegate authority to the Director of OC Public Works or designee to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation and to approve minor amendments and minor modifications to the Grant Agreement, as needed.