City of Anaheim
PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

DATE: JUNE 10, 2008

FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR A WATER RECYCLING FACILITY PLANNING GRANT

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): YES

ITEM # 39

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, by Resolution:

1. Authorize the submittal of an application to the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for a water recycling facility planning grant;

2. Designate the Public Utilities General Manager as Anaheim’s authorized representative;

3. Authorize the Public Utilities General Manager, on behalf of Anaheim, to take any and all actions necessary to complete the grant acceptance process; and

4. If awarded, amend the budget for fiscal years 2008/09 and 2009/10 accordingly.

DISCUSSION:

Anaheim’s water supply sources include: (1) the local groundwater basin (managed by the Orange County Water District); and (2) imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (whose primary sources include the State Water Project and Colorado River Aqueduct). Drought conditions and environmental issues, specifically in the Bay Delta, have caused uncertainties in availability of imported water supplies to meet the growing need of water supply in the region. To provide long-term sustainable water supplies within its services area, Anaheim is pursuing development of drought-proof recycled water supplies for non-potable use in order to supplement the demand on its drinking water supply.

The California State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) is currently accepting applications for grants for water recycling planning studies. The maximum grant for each project is 50 percent of the total eligible study cost, up to a maximum of $75,000. The Public Utilities Department (Department) is considering conducting a
comprehensive city-wide water recycling planning study. The estimate cost of the study is $150,000.

The purpose of the proposed water recycling planning study is to evaluate the potential for water recycling in Anaheim, and to identify and prioritize the most appropriate and cost effective projects. Use of recycled water for irrigation and non-potable industrial and commercial uses will help to reduce the demand on potable water supplies, particularly imported water.

Consequently, the proposed Resolution authorizes the Public Utilities General Manager to file the grant application and enter into an agreement with the SWRCB to accept the grant.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

There is no impact on the General Fund. If the grant is awarded, the Department will amend the budget of Program 501-3141-7809 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie L. Edwards  
Public Utilities General Manager

Attachment: Resolution

c: Public Utilities Board