

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE AWARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DRAFTS UNIT AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER APPARATUS**

**WHEREAS**, the California Water Service works proactively with fire departments throughout its service areas to provide grants that assist firefighters with the tools they need for training and firefighting, while also keeping water-wise practices at the forefront; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salinas Fire Department applied for the California Water Service Water Conservation Rebate Program and was awarded the total cost of \$124,965.94 to purchase a Direct Recirculating Apparatus Firefighter Training & Sustainability (DRAFTS) unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the DRAFTS unit will allow the Salinas Fire Department to capture and re-use millions of gallons of water used for pump operator training, saving approximately 5,830,500 gallons per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salinas Fire Department is extremely cognizant of water's value and does everything possible to minimize usage, conducting many drills in an open field where the water can seep back into the ground; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the DRAFTS unit from PumpPods USA, the sole manufacturer of this equipment, will be housed at Training Station #3, located at 827 Abbott Pl, Salinas, CA, enabling the Salinas Fire Department to provide realistic hose/nozzle and pump operator training while conserving water;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Salinas City Council:

1. Accepts the California Water Service Water Conservation Rebate Program award in the amount of \$124,965.94; and
2. Authorizes the Purchasing Agent to complete the direct purchase of a Direct Recirculating Apparatus Firefighter Training & Sustainability (DRAFTS) unit from PumpPods USA, in an amount not to exceed \$124,965.94.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 20th day of August 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**APPROVED:**

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Kimbley Craig, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk