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**RESOLUTION NO: 25-0508-09** 

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**RESOLUTION: City of Pasadena Water and Power Department** 

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena (City) is the Lead Agency for the Pasadena Glenarm Battery Energy Storage System Project (Glenarm BESS Project), proposed by the City of Pasadena Water and Power Department (Department), to purchase, install, and report performance of a four-hour lithium-ion battery system with a nameplate capacity of 25 megawatts (MW) of up to 100 megawatt-hours at the City's Glenarm Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Department prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Glenarm BESS Project (SCH #2024080270), a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), and a Conditional Use Permit #7227 (CUP) for the development, construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a 25 megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system on an approximately 0.59-acre site at the City's existing Glenarm Power Plant located at 72 East Glenarm Street, in the City of Pasadena, California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Final IS/MND describes the role of the California Energy Commission (CEC) as a Responsible Agency for the proposed Glenarm BESS Project, with discretionary review and approval of potential grant funding under the Distributed Electricity Backup Asses (DEBA) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Final IS/MND documents the CEC staff's review and comments on the draft IS/MND which were incorporated by City staff in the revised project description, analysis, and mitigation measures in the Final IS/MND prepared by the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, a Hearing Officer for the City, under delegated authority from the City Council pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.60.070, adopted the Final IS/MIND, MMRP and CUP #7227 for the Glenarm BESS Project at a public hearing on March 19, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the City filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse on March 20, 2025, reflecting the actions taken as a Lead Agency for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC staff has reviewed and considered the Final IS/MND, MMRP, CUP #7227, Notice of Determination, and confirmed that all suggestions, comments, and mitigation that CEC staff provided to City staff during the review of the draft IS/MND and MMRP were incorporated into the project description, analysis, and mitigation measures

in the Final IS/MND and MMRP and fully address CEC staff's independent review of the potential impacts of the Glenarm BESS Project as a Responsible Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC Staff has prepared a memorandum for the CEC's consideration reflecting the staff's independent review and analysis of the whole of the record related to the Glenarm BESS Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC is considering approving DEBA funding under agreement DBA-24-006 with the City of Pasadena Water and Power Department for a \$9,660,000 grant to purchase, install, and report performance of a four-hour lithium-ion battery system with a nameplate capacity of 25 megawatts (100 megawatt-hours) for the Glenarm BESS Project; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to acting on agreement DBA-24-006, the CEC desires to make certain findings as a Responsible Agency pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines at California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15096.

## THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED.

- 1. The CEC has independently reviewed the information contained in the Final IS/MND and MMRP prepared and adopted by the City, and the findings relevant CUP #7227 approving the Glenarm BESS Project funded by DBA-24-006, and has reviewed the CEC staff memorandum identified above.
- 2. The City has already adopted the mitigation measures recommended in the Final IS/MND, MMRP, and CUP #7227, and has authority to implement the mitigation measures or to seek any required approvals for the mitigation measures.
- 3. The CEC has reviewed and considered the Final IS/MND, MMRP, CUP #7227, and the CEC staff memorandum, and finds that these documents are adequate for its use as the decision-making body for its consideration of DBA-24-006.
- 4. Approval of DBA-24-006 is within the scope of the activities evaluated in the Final IS/MND and CUP #7227.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CEC finds, on the basis of the entire record before it, that with the City's implementation and enforcement of all mitigation measures in the MMRP and conditions of the CUP #7227, there is no substantial evidence that the activities funded by DBA-24-006 will have a significant effect on the environment; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that CEC finds that this conclusion reflects its independent judgment and analysis as a responsible agency under CEQA; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Energy Commission approves DBA-24-006 with the City of Pasadena Water and Power Department for \$9,660,000; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on May 8, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: May 9, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kristine Banaag Secretariat