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Attn: IRWM Financial Assistance Branch
Water-Energy Grant Program

Re: **Statement of Authority re City of Sacramento Application for State Funding**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Sacramento ("City") may enter into one or more financing agreements with the State Department of Water Resources ("Department") for grant funding from the Water-Energy Grant Program for one or more of the following projects (the "Projects"):

1. Leak detection and repair program for disadvantaged communities
2. DMA program

In my capacity as a Senior Deputy City Attorney for the City, in connection with the grant funding application(s) of the City to the Department, it is my opinion that:

The City is a charter city duly organized and validly existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California, including the provisions of Article XI of the California Constitution, the California Government Code, and the Sacramento City Charter. As such, the City has full legal authority to enter into a grant funding agreement or agreements for the Projects with the Department. The City is not required to hold an election before entering into such agreements with the Department.

I am furnishing this opinion solely for use in connection with the City's application(s) for grant funding for the Projects, and this letter is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to for any other purpose. This opinion is given solely with respect to facts and laws that exist as of the date of this opinion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Robinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Robinson
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