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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KEVIN JENKINS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 1313 (MCNERNEY), AN ACT TO ENHANCE OVERSIGHT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND STATE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS TO ENSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER

WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund provides continuously appropriated funding administered by the State Water Resources Control Board for grants and low-interest loans to assist public water systems in planning, designing, and constructing projects that ensure compliance with safe drinking water standards; and

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes the use of these funds for purposes consistent with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, including infrastructure improvements necessary to protect public health and water quality; and

WHEREAS, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS, are persistent contaminants found in drinking water systems that pose significant risks to public health and environmental safety; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation would clarify that moneys in the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and associated special accounts may be used for projects that specifically address PFAS contamination in drinking water, consistent with federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would further authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to implement these provisions through updates to its existing policy handbook, exempting such updates from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, and would expand eligible uses of a continuously appropriated fund, thereby constituting an appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognizes the urgent need to support water system improvements that protect residents from emerging contaminants such as PFAS and to ensure that local water providers have access to state resources necessary to maintain safe and reliable drinking water; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby endorses the proposed legislation expanding eligible uses of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to include PFAS remediation projects as described above; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is directed to transmit this resolution to the California State Legislature and relevant state agencies as an expression of the City's support.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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