RESOLUTION NO. 17-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A NEW DRINKING-WATER WELL AT THE AREA KNOWN AS COMMERCE STATION 7

WHEREAS, the City is in need of a new drinking water-well to replace the one at Station 4, which was constructed in 1917 and is well beyond its useful life; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the City entered into an agreement with California Water Service Company (Cal Water) on November 15, 2016 to assist the City with the design, permitting, and management for the construction of this well to be located at a site known as Commerce Station 7 – 7200/7210 Dominion Circle ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, this area was chosen since there is ample space for the proposed capital improvement, which reduces the cost by not having to purchase land for a new well site and is located in a heavy industrial area where construction would not impact residents; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of a 3 Phase plan as follows:

- Phase 1:   Well construction (includes initial well assessment, permitting, and design). Phase 1 work will be conducted over a 3-year timeframe. Phase 1 costs are approximately $2,000,000 spread over 3 years.
- Phase 2:   Water Quality Analysis and Initial Treatment Recommendation. Costs to be determined post-construction.
- Phase 3:   Final Treatment Design and Outfitting Existing Facility. Costs to be determined post-construction; and

WHEREAS, Cal Water's project team and the City's Deputy Director of Public Works Operations and City Planner are working together on satisfying the CEQA requirements while Cal Water is working on obtaining State of California Department of Drinking Water permits; and

WHEREAS, the City served as the lead for CEQA purposes since the new well is for the City-owned Commerce Water System that services the Veteran's Park residential area and commercial properties south of Washington Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, under CEQA, the City was required to conduct an Initial Study (IS) analysis to determine if and what environmental impacts would be caused by the project and if and what mitigation was necessary to offset those impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City's on-call consultant, MIG, completed the IS and determined that the project posed no impact, or less than significant impact, as to most categories, such as

air quality, noise, greenhouse gas emissions, and hazards and hazardous materials, but that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) should be prepared in order to mitigate any potential significant negative effect on the environment from the project. Accordingly, MIG prepared an MND.; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Intent to adopt a MND was filed and recorded by the Los Angeles County Clerk on June 15, 2017. The IS was released for a 30-day period of circulation and review to the public on June 17, 2017 with copies available at City libraries and City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Staff received a few comments from the City of Downey and the Native American Heritage Commission, which were considered prior to adoption of the MND; and

WHEREAS, mitigation is recommended in the cultural resources category in the event that, during construction, the contractor discovers archaeological and/or paleontological resources, artifacts, or human remains; and

WHEREAS, mitigation includes construction personnel sensitivity training, ceasing of activities for evaluation by qualified specialists, preparation of a report of the discovery, monitoring services and response plan; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends approving a resolution adopting the CEQA IS/ MND for construction of a new drinking water well at Commerce Station 7.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE AND DETERMINE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.   The findings set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2.   The MND for the new drinking water well at Commerce Station 7 is hereby ADOPTED.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of August, 2017.

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Oralia Rebollo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lena Shumway, City Clerk