RESOLUTION NO. R-03-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLTON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S GRANT PROGRAMS, FOR A STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate implements and administers the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase frontline firefighters, rehire firefighters that have been laid off, retain firefighters facing imminent layoffs, or fill positions that were vacated through attrition; and

WHEREAS, SAFER grantees should be able to demonstrate that they have achieved more efficient responses and safer incident scenes, thereby insuring communities have improved protection from fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colton applied for a SAFER Grant to be used to hire nine firefighters and stop the Fire Department Rolling Brown Out Plan implemented in March of 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the City, on Friday, December 21, 2012, was notified that the grant application submitted under the FY 2012 SAFER Grant Program had been approved for award and must be accepted or denied by February 8, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the City, by accepting this award is confirming that there is a clear understanding of the long-term obligations of a SAFER grant and that both the City and the Fire Department are committed to fulfilling the requirements of this grant immediately upon acceptance; and,

WHEREAS, there is no retention commitment beyond the two-year grant period; and,

WHEREAS, the cost to the City will be for safety equipment and staffing costs not covered by the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Colton:

Section 1. Approves the acceptance of the FY2012 SAFER Grant for $1,986,300 to hire nine

firefighters and stop the Fire Department Rolling Brown Out Plan.

Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager and/or his designee to spend the designated funds to purchase safety equipment and for staffing costs not covered in the grant.

Section 3. Designates Timothy M. McHargue, Fire Chief, as the City's authorized representative for purposes of the grant.

Section 4. Resolution No. R-26-12 approved on June 19, 2012 adopted the fiscal year 2012-13 budget. Section 2 and 3 of R-26-12 are hereby eliminated in their entirety and replaced with:

Section 2: Following the effective date of Ordinance No. O-08-12, the General Fund Transfer precentage (the annual administrative transfer from the Electric Utility Fund to the General Fund) shall be set at 12.39% for Fiscal Year 2012-13. Until the effective date, the percentage shall remain at 10%. The percentage will be reviewed annually during the budget process, with a commitment to the gradual reduction of the General Fund Transfer whenever possible.

Section 3: Reserved.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2013.

SARAH S. ZAMORA, Mayor

ATTEST:

EILEEN C. GOMEZ, CMC
City Clerk

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