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AGENDA ITEM MEMO

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 2, 2022

TO: Board Members

THROUGH: Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator

Daniel Palacios, Director, Financial Compliance

Ashley Harden, General Counsel

FROM: Joe Reynolds, Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: North Alamo Water Supply Corporation Request for Partial

Release of Lien on its Certificate of Convenience and

Necessity

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider approving by resolution a request from the North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (NAWSC) for a partial release of lien on a portion of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), approval of the sale of land, and authorization of the Executive Administrator to take all necessary actions to give effect to this approval.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) currently holds four NAWSC loans as follows:

Debt	Balance After Last Release	Final Payment
\$646,000 Economically Distressed Area Program, #L1000335	\$ 448,100	08/01/2035
\$3,055,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund, #L1000927	\$2,745,000	08/01/2039
\$1,440,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund #L1000928	\$1,320,000	08/01/2039
\$4,390,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, #LM201121	\$4,191,000	08/01/2041
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$8,704,100	

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As part of the pledged security for the loans, the TWDB holds a Deed of Trust that creates a security interest in the real and personal property of the Corporation necessary to operate the system. Consequently, the Corporation must obtain the consent of the Board before the transfer or sale of any asset or property of the Corporation.

By letter dated September 21, 2021, the Corporation asks the Board to provide its consent to the release of part of its service area. The property is a 6.57-acre tract identified as the Vela & Flores Subdivision in Hidalgo County.

The tract is being sold to the City of Edinburg for \$9,576. The Public Utility Commission has approved the transfer of utility service for the area from the Corporation to Edinburg.

KEY ISSUES

The outstanding balances on the loans and impact of the partial release on the remaining asset base of the Corporation have been reviewed. Staff has concluded that the remaining security pledged by the Corporation will be sufficient security to ensure the debt obligations of the Corporation are met and the limited release of this property from the Deed of Trust will neither compromise the security offered by the Corporation nor impair the Corporation's ability to meet its obligations.

RECOMMENDATION

As there is no adverse effect to the security interest, the Executive Administrator recommends that the Board approve a partial release of lien limited to the tract described in the attached and consent to the sale. The Corporation will be responsible for paying any costs associated with the filings necessary to effectuate this limited release.

Attachment(s): Resolution No. (22-)

Applicant Request Letter

A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVING A REQUEST OF NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR A PARTIAL RELEASE OF LIEN

(22-)

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), currently owns the following debt obligations of North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (Corporation):

L1000335 in the amount of \$646,000; L1000927 in the amount of \$3,055,000; L1000928 in the amount of \$1,440,000; and LM201121 in the amount of \$4,390,000; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's debt obligations are secured by an executed and recorded Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (Deed of Trust), pursuant to which the Corporation granted to the TWDB a security interest in its properties and assets, including all improvements, and any other property, both real and personal described in the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is the holder of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 10553 (CCN) issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and maintained by the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC), an agency of the State of Texas, which authorizes the Corporation to provide retail water and wastewater services to the lands described in the CCN; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation has entered into an Agreement for Buyout of Service Area (Buyout Agreement) with the City of Edinburg, and has applied to the PUC for authorization to amend both parties' CCNs to transfer a portion of the Corporation's service area to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust prohibits the transfer or sale by the Corporation of any real or personal property, including equipment, subject to the lien and security interest granted to the Board without the prior written consent of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation requests the Board consent to the transfer of a 6.57 acre tract identified as the Vela & Flores Subdivision (the Property) to the City of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas and authorize a release of lien limited to this piece of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the remaining security pledged by the Corporation will be sufficient security to ensure that the debt obligations of the Corporation are met and the limited release of the Property from the Deed of Trust will neither compromise the security offered by the Corporation nor impair the Corporation's ability to meet its obligations under the Corporation's debt obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds it is in the public interest for the Board to grant a partial release of lien and to approve the Corporation's transfer or sale of the Property.

NOW THEREFORE, based on said considerations and findings, the Texas Water Development Board resolves as follows:

- 1. The TWDB approves the release of lien and security interest created under the Deed of Trust and consents to the sale of the land to the City of Edinburg.
- 2. The TWDB authorizes the Executive Administrator or his designate to execute the documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Such approval is conditioned as follows:

Executive Administrator

- 1. The Corporation shall pay all costs of documentation and filing of the partial release of lien; and
- 2. The Corporation must provide to the TWDB copies of all relevant documents regarding the partial release of lien and the amendment of the Corporation's CCN; and
- 3. The Corporation shall deposit any proceeds of the sale thereof in the Corporation's Interest and Sinking Fund.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 2nd day of February 2022.

	TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
	Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman
	DATE SIGNED:
ATTEST:	
Jeff Walker	

Via Email: Joe.reynolds@twdb.texas.gov

& via U. S. Postal Service Certified:

70201810000203699406 Mr. Joe P. Reynolds, Assistant General Counsel Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") Stephen F. Austin Building 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Room 511-B Austin, Texas 78701

RE: North Alamo Water Supply Corporation ("North Alamo") - Request for TWDB's Consent to a Buyout of a portion of North Alamo's CCN Service Area by the City of Edinburg, Texas – Star Moulding – Vela Flores Subdivision.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

North Alamo Water Supply Corporation ("North Alamo") and the City of Edinburg, Texas have entered into a Master Agreement for Buyout and Transfer of Service Areas ("Master Agreement") and a Counter-part Agreement for Buyout and Transfer of Service Area ("Counter-Part Agreement") per the copies enclosed. Accordingly, North Alamo is requesting TWDB's consent to the release of a part of its CCN Service Area as described in the attached Counter-Part Agreement in accordance with the terms stated therein.

Accordingly, this letter is to provide assurance to the TWDB that:

- 1) the transaction will not adversely affect the agency's security position; and
- 2) the transaction will not prevent North Alamo from carrying out the purposes of its loan(s) from TWDB.

The service area to be released is in satisfaction of North Alamo WSC's obligations under the terms of the above referenced Agreement. The expected net proceeds from the sale are:

Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-six and no/100ths (\$9,576.00) dollars.

North Alamo WSC further requests TWDB approval reflecting that any proceeds remaining after paying the reasonable and necessary administrative expenses, if any, be used for one or more of the following purposes:

(1) to purchase or acquire property more suited to the borrower's needs; or

- (2) to develop or enlarge its facilities, if necessary, to improve the borrower's debt-paying ability, place the operation on a more sound financial basis, or further the objectives and purposes for its loans; or
- (3) to pay on debts secured by a prior lien and/or pay on debts secured by a parity or subsequent lien.

Specifically, North Alamo WSC requests consent to utilize the funds acquired from the sale towards internal upgrades, refurbishment and expansion of its infrastructure to assist it in servicing its members.

Any written instrument of conveyance executed by North Alamo WSC in connection with this transaction, if applicable, will contain the civil rights covenant.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Otherwise, we will look forward to receiving TWDB's consent/approval of North Alamo's request as soon as possible. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Steven P. Sanchez, General Manager