HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

Introduced by Council Member _____

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR DRINKING WATER ARREARAGES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,853,487

WHEREAS, nearly \$1 billion in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has been allocated to the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to administer a program to reduce delinquent water and wastewater balances for customers experiencing financial hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB used this funding to establish the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (CWWAPP), a program intended to provide relief to community water and wastewater systems for unpaid customer bills during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB provided community water systems the opportunity to apply for funding through the CWWAPP to cover their commercial and residential customer's drinking water arrearages incurred during the pandemic period, defined as March 4, 2020 to June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Hayward commercial and residential customers' eligible delinquent bills for drinking water totaled \$1,799,502; and

WHEREAS, Hayward requested a total of \$1,853,487 through the CWWAPP, which included an additional 3%, or \$53,986, for costs to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB approved the City of Hayward's full request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to accept up to \$1,853,487 from the State Water Resources Control Board and appropriate the funds in Water Operating Fund 605 so they may be spent in accordance with the requirements of the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program.

IN COUNCIL,	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA <u>February 22, 2022</u>
ADOPTED BY	THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS: MAYOR:
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:
APPROVED A	ATTEST:City Clerk of the City of Hayward S TO FORM:
 City Attorney	of the City of Hayward