

**RESOLUTION NO. 163-2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Westchester County Board of Supervisors, now known as the Westchester County Board of Legislators (“Board”) duly established County Water District No. 1 (“District”) in 1964 pursuant to Article 5-A of the New York State County Law (“Article 5-A”) by Act No. 29-1964; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is comprised of the territorial limits of the Cities of White Plains, Mount Vernon and Yonkers and the Village of Scarsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the District includes four zones of assessment as follows: White Plains 30%; Mount Vernon 28%; Yonkers 24% and Scarsdale 18%, noting that said zones of assessment relate to the apportionment of District costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environmental Facilities (“Department”) has prepared and submitted to this Honorable Board a report dated August 15, 2024, as may be amended from time to time (“District Report”), which recommends the following capital projects: Capital Project WD103 – County Water District #1 – Alternate Water Supply (“WD103”) and Capital Project WD105 – County Water District #1 – Rehabilitation of the 48 inch Kensico-Bronx Pipeline (“WD105”), for the benefit of County Water District No. 1 (“District”), subject to an order issued by the Comptroller of the State of New York (“State Comptroller”) permitting the issuance of bonds of the County for such expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, WD103 and WD105 (together the “Program”) will provide for an alternate water supply connection to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) Delaware Aqueduct at Shaft 23, located in the City of Yonkers. The Department is requesting the study, design, construction management, and construction funding authorization for this comprehensive upgrade Program that will consist of multiple projects to improve the resiliency of the District’s infrastructure. This connection will supply raw water, via a new transmission main, to a new treatment facility which will be located along the routing of the new main and prior to connecting to the southern portion of the existing

Kensico Bronx Pipeline (“KBP”). The work will also include the installation of additional water meters to unmetered connections, air vents, hydrants, and isolation valves on the existing 48 inch KBP. The new valves will be strategically located for improved reliability, serviceability, maintainability, and to minimize impacts of water supply disruptions that would occur due to pipe failures at points along the Existing KBP. Improvements to County facilities located at the DEP Shaft 22 in the City of Yonkers which provides water to the KBP will also be required. The Program will also address the need to install an un-interruptible power supply (“UPS”) for the District’s Central Avenue Pumping Station ultraviolet (“UV”) facility. This UPS system will provide for uninterrupted UV treatment during utility power interruptions or power outages. This Program will also provide for the rehabilitation of the existing 71,000 linear feet of 48- inch KBP, which is a specific object or purpose in and for the benefit of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is currently seeking authorization of the issuance of up to \$8,750,000 in bonds of the County to finance the study, design and construction management of the Program, stating the estimated maximum cost of the entire Program is \$105,000,000; noting that the financing plan of the Program includes \$9,419,000 in bonds previously authorized by Act Nos. 3-2011, 187-2014, and 65-2015 for WD103; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has advised that in order to comply with Article 5-A, and for the purposes of the public hearing, the Department, in conjunction with the Finance Department, has calculated that the issuance of \$105,000,000 in bonds of the County for the Program equates to an estimated annual debt service payment of \$6,636,993. The Department anticipates that the Program will involve ongoing operations and maintenance costs above the current operating budget for additional water treatment in the amount of \$340,000 annually. The addition of the above mentioned operational costs results in a total annual cost for this Program of \$6,976,993. Accordingly, when distributed over the 67,774 taxable parcels in the District, the weighted average cost to the typical District property is approximately \$118.65, as more fully set forth in the District Report; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article 5-A, this Board is required to schedule a public hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing shall be held upon the proposed increase and improvement of facilities for the District, as more fully set forth in the District Report dated August 15, 2024 as may be amended from time to time; said hearing to be held in the Board of Legislators Chambers, Room 800, Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024 at 7:30 pm.; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and empowered take all necessary steps in furtherance hereof; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of such public hearing to be published in the official newspapers of the County of Westchester having a general circulation in the District and in the manner required by law, the first publication thereof to be not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) days before the date set forth above for the public hearing. Such Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately