WHEREAS, Section 684, of the Los Angeles City Charter, requires that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) shall, submit a preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the Los Angeles City Council (Council) for informational purposes, no later than March 31, 2016, of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) management has prepared a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 that reflects the anticipated funding needs for the year; and

WHEREAS, this recommended preliminary budget furthers LADWP's goal of building a water system for the next century, and makes investments to replace water system aging infrastructure, reduce reliance on imported water, and fund programs to protect drinking water quality; and

WHEREAS, the recommended preliminary budget includes a Board approved five-year rate action with a 5.26 percent system average annual rate increase, inclusive of base rate and pass-through rate adjustments (water quality, supply, infrastructure, conservation and reclamation), that require Council approval and would continue utilization of quarterly pass-through rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, LADWP continues to emphasize cost control and fiscal discipline while current benchmarking efforts and use of performance metrics will ensure cost efficiency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget schedules and documents submitted do not reflect a Board adopted position and are, therefore, subject to further refinement in the upcoming months.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the transmittal of the Preliminary FY 2016-2017 LADWP Budget – Water Revenue Fund, submitted by the General Manager to this Board to the Council as required by Los Angeles City Charter Section 684.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held MAR 16 2016

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY MICHAEL N. FEUER, CITY ATTORNEY

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