

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
April 15, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
And By Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Greg Higel, President; Armando Valdez, Vice-President; Zeke Ward, Secretary/ Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Elliott Salazar, Director; Cory Off, Director; Mark Deacon, Director; Doug Gunnels, Director; and, Mike Kruse, Director.

Staff and Consultants: David Robbins, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Michelle Lanzoni, Deb Sarason, Lawrence Crowther, Tyler Faucette, Karla Shriver, and William Myers.

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

President Higel welcomed all those present and asked for introductions.

APPROVE AGENDA

President Higel asked for changes or additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Elliott Salazar to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Higel asked for public comment. Peggy Godfrey asked David Robbins when his employment with the District began and where he was employed prior. David Robbins provided his practice/employment history. Ms. Godfrey made comments regarding the effects of the Closed Basin Project and reported she would oppose all Annual Replacement Plans (ARPs) and resolutions which require Closed Basin Project water to fulfill winter replacements. Cory Off commented on the importance of the Closed Basin Project and how it is a tool in the toolbox. He proposed the Board get together and have a discussion on how to get away from using the Closed Basin Project water.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 1 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

Taylor Chick presented the Subdistrict No. 1 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP) summary. He went over the projected forecast, groundwater consumption and the acre-feet of depletions. Mike Kruse updated the Board on the changes Subdistrict No. 1 is trying to make in connection with the Plan of Water Management No. 4 and the court proceedings to come. Mr. Chick highlighted the post-plan depletions and recharge decree credits. He explained the Subdistrict may need to use Closed Basin Project water for winter time depletions. Discussion was held on the timing to release wet water for winter time depletions.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 1 to use 68.6 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse and unanimously approved.

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Resolution for approval of the Subdistrict No. 1 2024 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Zeke Ward and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 2 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 2 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

Angelo Bellah presented the Subdistrict No. 2 ARP summary. He went over the projected forecast, groundwater withdrawals, net groundwater consumption, impacts to the Rio Grande and the post-plan depletions. Mr. Bellah highlighted the forbearance agreements and the requested acre-foot amount of Closed Basin Project water.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 2 to use 1,007.1 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Resolution for approval of the Subdistrict No. 2 2024 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Doug Gunnels. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

- ***Consideration of the RGWCD acting as financial guarantor for Subdistrict No. 2***

Amber Pacheco explained why Subdistrict No. 2 is the only Subdistrict to request the District to act as financial guarantor.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve RGWCD to act financial guarantor for post-plan depletions for Subdistrict No. 2. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 3 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 3 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

Angelo Bellah presented the Subdistrict No. 3 ARP summary. He highlighted the projected forecast, groundwater withdrawals and consumptive use. Mr. Bellah reported on the total impacts to the rivers and the post-plan depletions. He updated the Board on the potential 20% increase in depletions and the significant difference this year from the previous year.

A motion was made by Elliott Salazar to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 3 to use 1,160 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for the replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Resolution for approval of the Subdistrict No. 3 2024 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 4 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan***

Chris Ivers presented the Subdistrict No. 4 ARP summary. He highlighted the number of wells, contracts and the five (5) year average. Mr. Ivers reported on the projected 2024 groundwater withdrawals, the acre-feet of net groundwater consumptive use and the amount of irrigation season depletions. He reported on the total post-plan stream depletions, the plan to have an augmentation well for future needs and the Well Injury Payment agreements.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to approve the Resolution for approval of the Subdistrict No. 4 2024 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 5 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 5 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

Chris Ivers reported on the number of wells, contracts, the five (5) year average and the projected 2024 groundwater withdrawals. He highlighted the amount of depletions during the irrigation season on Saguache Creek and San Luis Creek and provided the amount being requested from the Closed Basin Project for winter time depletions. Mr. Ivers reported on the remedies available and highlighted the amount of water stored in Beaver reservoir.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 5 to use 271 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for the replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution for approval of the Subdistrict No. 5 2024 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Cory Off. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 6 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

President Higel asked for review and consideration of the following action items:

- ***Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 6 to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions***

Mr. Bellah presented the Subdistrict No. 6 ARP summary. He reported on the projected forecast, groundwater withdrawals, post-plan depletions and the secured forbearance agreements.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 6 to use 3,201.3 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for the replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Elliott Salazar. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan***

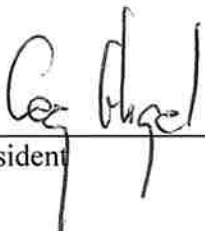
A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution for approval of the Subdistrict No. 6 2024 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Cory Off. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

David Robbins congratulated staff for doing an amazing job putting together all of the ARPs.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.



President

Secretary/Treasurer

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

APRIL 15, 2024

**TO ALLOW SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 TO USE A PORTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN
PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER THE
2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 1”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage in the unconfined aquifer of the Closed Basin for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 1 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well pumping and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well Pumping.

R E S O L U T I O N

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from October 31 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 1 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 68.6 acre-feet, subject to change if conditions change from projections, of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 1 2024 Annual Replacement Plan (“2024 ARP”) and the use of said water under the 2024 ARP to remedy injurious depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: *Zeke Ward*
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

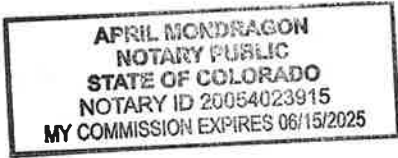
By: *Greg Higel*
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 15th day of April, 2024, by Greg Higel, President,
Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-25



April Mondragon
Notary Public

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

APRIL 15, 2024

**APPROVING THE 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 1”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage in the unconfined aquifer of the Closed Basin for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users with the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 1 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District hereby accepts and approves the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan of Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By:



Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

By:



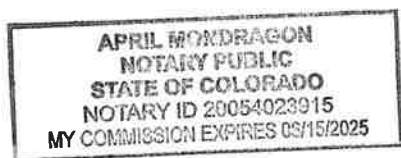
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 15, 2024

**APPROVING 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“District”) at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 2”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 2 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and


WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

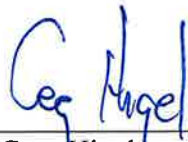
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 15th day of April, 2024 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 2 2024 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

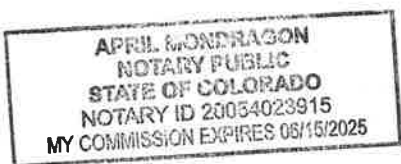
By: 
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

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Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-25



April Mondragon
Notary Public

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 15, 2024

**RESOLUTION
FOR THE DISTRICT TO ACT AS FINANCIAL GUARANTOR OF THE
REPLACEMENT OBLIGATIONS OF SUBDISTRICT NO. 2**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“District”) does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 2”) was created to ensure remedy of injurious stream depletions to senior water rights resulting from the withdrawal of groundwater from wells in Subdistrict No. 2 and to conserve and stabilize the water supply and amount of groundwater in storage for irrigation and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious stream depletions caused by Subdistrict Well pumping and the manner in which Subdistrict No. 2 will remedy those stream depletions; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 continues to work diligently to obtain permanent and/or renewable supplies to remedy future stream depletions caused by present or future groundwater withdrawals by Subdistrict No. 2 wells, and

WHEREAS, at the present time it is impossible for Subdistrict No. 2 to acquire a sufficient quantity of water as a permanent supply to cover total post-plan injurious stream depletions after this Plan Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 15th day of April, 2024 that:


1. In order to address the issue identified above, the District, which is created by statute and has a mill levee which provides an annual and consistent stream of monies, will act as a financial guarantor itself if Subdistrict No. 2 were to fail or otherwise be unable to replace injurious stream depletions caused by the lagged effects of past and present groundwater withdrawals by Subdistrict No. 2 wells.

2. The District will provide funds to acquire water or compensate parties directly to insure injured parties are kept whole. This mechanism will act as a temporary measure to assure future replacement of injurious stream depletions until Subdistrict No. 2 is able to obtain permanent and/or renewable supplies to remedy future stream depletions caused by present or future groundwater withdrawals.

3. If Subdistrict No. 2 were to fail, the individual well owners of the former Subdistrict No. 2 would have to obtain plans for augmentation or take other measures to comply with rules and regulations governing existing groundwater withdrawals. Presumably, those plans would be required to replace these post-pumping stream depletions into the future. In the interim, the District would protect senior surface rights as explained in this Resolution.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

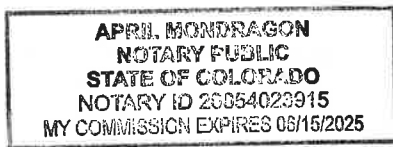
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President

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STATE OF COLORADO)

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Notary Public

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 2”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 2 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 2 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict’s 2024 ARP.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from November 1 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 2 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 1,007.1 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 2 2024 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2024 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 3”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 3 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 3 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict’s 2024 ARP.

R E S O L U T I O N

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from November 1 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 3 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 1,160 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 3 2024 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2024 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: Zeke Ward
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

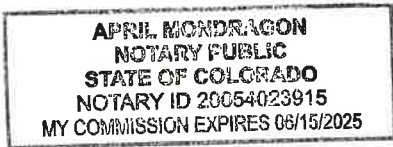
By: Greg Higel
Greg Higel
President

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April Mondragon
Notary Public

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 15, 2024

**APPROVING 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“District”) at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 3”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 3 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and


WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 3 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 15th day of April, 2024 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 3 2024 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

By: 
Greg Higel,
President

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Notary Public

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 15, 2024

**APPROVING 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“District”) at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 4”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 4 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and


WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 4 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

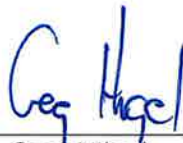
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 15th day of April, 2024, that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 4 2024 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

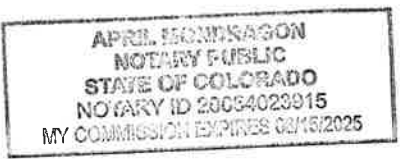
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 15, 2024

**APPROVING 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“District”) at a special meeting held on April 15th, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 5”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 5 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and


WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 5 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 15th day of April, 2024 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 5 2024 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

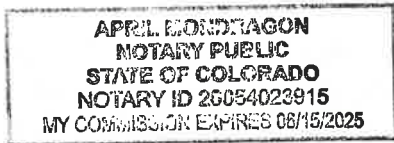
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**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

APRIL 15, 2024

**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 5”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 5 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 5 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict’s 2024 ARP.

RESOLUTION

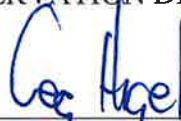
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that this Project Water will be used to replace depletions from May 1st, 2024 – April 30th, 2025, on the Rio Grande.
2. The inclusion of 271 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 5 2024 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2024 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

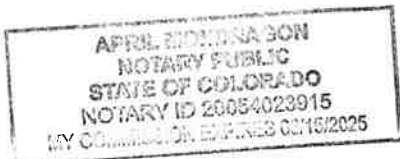
By: 
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 15th day of April, 2024, by Greg Higel, President, Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-25




Notary Public

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 15, 2024

**APPROVING 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“District”) at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 6”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 6 and remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 6 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions, and the status of the sustainability of the Confined Aquifer underlying Subdistrict No. 6; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 15th day of April, 2024, that:


The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 6 2024 Annual Replacement Plan to run from May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 

Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

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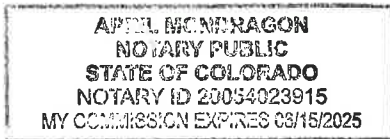
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

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Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-25



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Notary Public

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**TO ALLOW SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 TO USE A PORTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER ITS 2024 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado does hereby resolve that:

WHEREAS, Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (“Subdistrict No. 6”) was created to conserve and stabilize the water supply and groundwater storage for irrigation, domestic, municipal and other beneficial uses for the water users within the boundaries of Subdistrict No. 6 and to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from Subdistrict Wells; and

WHEREAS, Subdistrict No. 6 is operating under an approved Plan of Water Management which requires the development of an Annual Replacement Plan (“ARP”) showing, among other things, the predicted injurious depletions caused by Subdistrict Well groundwater withdrawals and the manner in which the Subdistrict will remedy those depletions; and

WHEREAS, the production from the Closed Basin Project can and should be used as a source of water to remedy injurious depletions caused by groundwater withdrawals from wells included in the Subdistrict’s 2024 ARP.

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that:

1. The District anticipates that the vast majority of this Project Water will be used to replace non-irrigation season depletions from November 1 through March 31. There may be circumstances during the irrigation season when Subdistrict No. 6 cannot deliver water to the Rio Grande below the Chicago Ditch due to intervening dry stream reaches or excessive losses in deliveries. In those circumstances, the District believes Project Water is an appropriate replacement source, but intends that its use during the irrigation season be minimized.

2. The inclusion of 3,201.3 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 6 2024 Annual Replacement Plan in the amount of 1,762.5 acre-feet to the Rio Grande River and 1,438.8 acre-feet to the Conejos River and the use of said water under the 2024 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: Zeke Ward
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

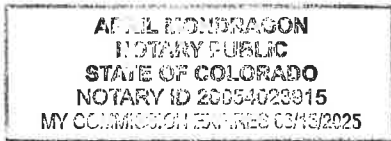
By: Greg Higel
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
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STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 15th day of April, 2024, by Greg Higel, President, Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

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