

RESOLUTION 2021- 07

Resolution of the Triview Metropolitan District Approving Contracting with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for Long-Term Storage in Pueblo Reservoir

WHEREAS, Triview Metropolitan District ("District") is a Colorado special district, quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, charged with the provision of certain municipal services to landowners, commercial businesses and residential customers within the District's Service Area.

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§32-1-1001(1)(h), (k), and (l), and 32-1-1004(3), this Board has the authority on behalf of the District to manage and control the business affairs of the District, to include the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of District improvements, the furnishing of services, and the acceptance of real and personal property for use by the District, specifically as concerns utility infrastructure, and for the acquisition of such real property interests as benefit the District and the citizens it serves.

WHEREAS, the District has, over the past several years, pursued a policy of acquiring renewable surface water rights and water resources with the intent of ensuring the long-term viability of the District's municipal water system and supplies, including the intent to largely shift the District from reliance on non-renewable Denver Basin groundwater resources, to renewable surface water supplies. Such acquisitions include but are not limited to the purchase of the Stonewall Springs Reservoir Complex, and significant ownership interests in the Excelsior Irrigating Company, the Fountain Mutual Irrigation Company, the Arkansas Valley Irrigation Canal, and the Bale No. 1 and 2 ditches; and,

WHEREAS, part of such District policy for renewable water supplies includes contracting for the use of certain existing infrastructure to aid in the storage and delivery of such renewable water supplies to the District for provision to the District's water users. To that end, the District has engaged various professionals and negotiated with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to secure a long-term water storage contract in Pueblo Reservoir for a 40-year period, and for a maximum of 999 acre feet of water storage. Such efforts have included cooperatively working through an Environmental Assessment of the potential impacts of such storage account with the Bureau, a process that is nearly completed; and,

WHEREAS, upon the imminent completion of the Environmental Assessment referenced above, it is anticipated that the Bureau of Reclamation will present the District with a contract for long-term storage in Pueblo Reservoir consistent with the ongoing negotiations, and the District is resolved that such long-term storage Contract is a vital component of the District's water use planning and development, and should be promptly executed when available; and,

WHEREAS, the District did post advance public notice of its discussion and consideration of contracting with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for long-term water storage in Pueblo Reservoir during public session of the District's monthly Board of Director's meeting held on July 22, 2021, and the Board did discuss and consider the anticipated Contract during such meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the District's authority and the power under C.R.S. §§32-1001 and 32-1-1004, the following resolution is made in regards to authorizing the District Manager to proceed with the execution of contracts and associated documents necessary to secure the District's long-term storage contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation:

Upon unanimous affirmative vote of the District's Board of Director's during public session of the Board meeting held July 22, 2021, it is so resolved that James McGrady, as the District Manager, is authorized to execute and sign all documents necessary to facilitate the contracting with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for long-term storage in Pueblo Reservoir.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2021.



Mark Melville, President
Triview Metropolitan District



Marco Fiorito, Vice President
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