

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
by the
REPUBLICAN RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
For

KEVIN REIN

AT WRAY, COLORADO

November 21, 2023

Resolution No. 23-10

The Board of Directors of the Republican River Water Conservation District, assembled in Burlington, Colorado for its fourth Regular meeting of 2023, does hereby unanimously resolve and declare, in recognition of State Engineer Kevin Rein, that:

WHEREAS, the Republican River Water Conservation District (RRWCD) was created by the General Assembly in 2004 for the express purpose “to assist this state to carry out the state’s duty to comply with the limitations and duties imposed upon the state by the Republican river compact”, and

WHEREAS, at that time the State was embroiled in litigation with the States of Kansas and Nebraska about the obligations of the three states under the terms of the Republican River Compact (Compact), and

WHEREAS, in order to resolve the litigation among the states about the Compact a number of agreements, stipulations and resolutions of the Republican River Compact Administration (RRCA) were unanimously adopted during the period 2003 and 2016 that were intended to guide the states in the efforts to end the litigation, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Colorado were very fortunate to have a negotiating team that has protected Colorado’s interests to the greatest extent possible, and

WHEREAS, Kevin Rein has been employed by the Colorado Division of Water Resources for twenty-five years in various roles, including as the Chief of Water Supply, as the Assistant State Engineer/Deputy State Engineer and, for the past six years, as the State Engineer for the State of Colorado, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, upon assuming his duties as the State Engineer, Kevin has negotiated with Kansas and Nebraska, seeking to protect the water users of the Republican River Basin while assuring compliance with the Republican River Compact, and

WHEREAS, throughout his years with the Division of Water Resources, from beginning as an Engineer in Training to his final retirement as State Engineer, Kevin has proven to be exceedingly polite, thoughtful, inquisitive and sophisticated in his dealings with representatives of the other states and with members of the public, and

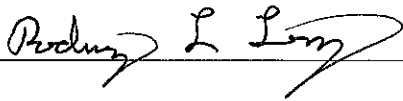
WHEREAS, Kevin has devoted untold hours meeting with the RRWCD Board in order to work collaboratively to achieve long-term solutions on Compact compliance while also protecting the economy and culture of the Republican River Basin, answering questions and providing background information so that the Board has been fully informed about the options and opportunities that have presented themselves to ensure that any ongoing discussions with the other two states adequately protected the interests of the citizens of the Republican River Basin and Colorado, and

WHEREAS, throughout the on-going and sometimes contentious and fraught negotiations among the three states, Kevin has presented himself as a positive problem solver and has thereby gained the respect and friendship of the representatives of Kansas and Nebraska and of the citizens of the Republican River basin in Colorado, and

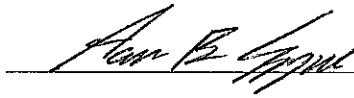
WHEREAS, after forty years of employment as a registered professional engineer, as a loyal and loving husband, father, and grandfather, and as a respected member of his community, the Board of the RRWCD finds that it is time to wish Kevin all of the best in whatever endeavors may come his way in the future and to wish him all of the happiness, peace and health that he so richly deserves.

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Republican River Water Conservation District, on behalf of the citizens of the District for whom he has accomplished so much, that KEVIN REIN, State Engineer, has been and continues to be a person of the highest value to our Basin who is held in the highest respect by this Board and all of the citizens we represent and it is with that fondness and respect firmly in mind that we wish him all of the peace, happiness and good health for the rest of his years.

DONE this 21st day of November, 2023



Rodney Lenz
President



Aaron Sprague
Treasurer