

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
by the
REPUBLICAN RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
For

MICHAEL SULLIVAN

AT BURLINGTON, COLORADO

February 21, 2023

Resolution No. 23-01

The Board of Directors of the Republican River Water Conservation District, assembled in Burlington, Colorado for its first Regular meeting of 2023, does hereby unanimously resolve and declare, in recognition of Deputy State Engineer Michael Sullivan, 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, one of the primary negotiators, throughout the three state negotiations, was Deputy State Engineer Mike Sullivan, and

WHEREAS, Mike Sullivan has been employed by the Colorado Division of Water Resources for over twenty five years in various roles, including as the Assistant Division Engineer in Water Division 3, as the Division Engineer in Water Division 3 and, for the past fifteen years, as the Deputy State Engineer for the State of Colorado, and

WHEREAS, in 2008, upon assuming his duties as the Deputy State Engineer, Mike accepted responsibility for managing the negotiations with Kansas and Nebraska in order to secure a lasting and equitable resolution of the interstate controversy amount the states concerning compliance with the Compact, and

WHEREAS, throughout the last fifteen years when Mike has been serving as a principal negotiator for Colorado, he 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

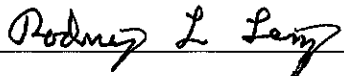
WHEREAS, the entire time that Mike has served in this role seeking a resolution of the Compact claims he has devoted untold hours meeting with the RRWCD Board in order to share the status of the negotiations, seek advice and consent of the Board to settlement proposals, answering questions and providing background information so that the Board has been fully informed about the negotiations and about the options and opportunities that have presented themselves to insure that any settlement with the other two states adequately protected the interests of the citizens of the RRWCD and Colorado, and

WHEREAS, throughout the often contentious and fraught negotiations among the three states, Mike 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

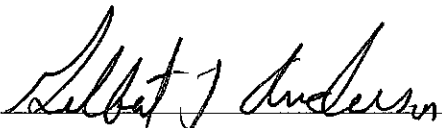
WHEREAS, after forty years of employment as a registered professional engineer, as a proud graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, as a loyal and loving husband and father, and as a respected member of his community, the Board of the RRWCD finds that it is time to wish Mike all of the best in whatever 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 MICHAEL SULLIVAN Deputy 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 February 2023



Rodney Lenz
President



Gilbert Anderson
Secretary