

**A RESOLUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

(To Adopt an Additional Incentives for the Water Conservation Programs Within  
the South Fork Focus Zone)

RESOLUTION No. 25-01

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Republican River Water Conservation District (“District”) was created pursuant to section 37-50-103(1), C.R.S., CRS, to, in part, assist the State of Colorado 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, pursuant to section 37-50-107(1)(k), C.R.S., the District has established a water enterprise pursuant to article 45.1 of title 37 of the Colorado statutes (“Enterprise”);

WHEREAS, the District is managed and controlled by its Board of Directors (“Board”);

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. 21-05, to establish a fee to fund and establish conservation programs within the South Fork Focus Zone. The Resolution was amended and further resolved on November 23, 2023;

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. 22-05, in order to allocate federal funds, made available through Senate Bill 22 – 028, to purchase well permits under certain conditions within the South Fork Focus Zone;

Whereas, the Colorado General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 25 – 283 for the purpose of “funding Water Conservation Board projects” and, in section 15 thereof, the General Assembly has appropriated six million dollars (\$6,000,000) for the purpose of advancing irrigated acreage retirement within the South Fork Focus Zone of the Republican River Basin; an

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the District Board to provide for the allocation of that funding, which will be used to provide additional incentives for the conservation programs established in the South Fork Focus Zone by Resolutions 21-05 and 22-05 and by the provisions of the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program; and,

WHEREAS, the contents of this Resolution must be read in harmony with the provisions of resolutions 21-05 and 22-05.

## RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Enterprise that it adopts the following Resolution.

1. The Board expresses its appreciation to the Colorado General Assembly for the continued financial support of its efforts to assist the State in achieving full compliance with the Republican River Compact.
2. The Board expresses appreciation to the Colorado Water Conservation Board and its staff for supporting the District Board's efforts to achieve the conservation goals specified in the August 24, 2016, Resolution of the Republican River Compact Administration.
3. The funding derived from SB 25-283(15) will be managed by the staff of the Colorado Water Conservation Board and payments will be made upon the submission of a request for funding by the staff of the District and payments to participating producers, from these funds, will be made directly by the Water Conservation Board to the participating producer.
4. In order to ensure that adequate time is available to expend the funds appropriated by the legislature through SB 25-283, all deadlines contained in Resolutions 21-05 and 22-05 are extended up to and including December 31, 2029.
5. This Resolution 25-01 and its associated funding for the incentive programs will expire at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2029, unless the Board adopts a specific resolution to continue the incentives. After expiration, the Enterprise will continue to comply with any future payment obligations to participants and participants will continue to comply with any terms and requirements of contracts entered into pursuant to this resolution.

Resolved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

ATTEST: BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPUBLICAN RIVER WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE



Secretary



President