

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
April 11, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.
8805 Independence Way
Alamosa, CO 81101
And By Zoom Teleconference**

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

Excused: Cory Off, Director.

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

Guests: Kim Cooley, Michelle Lanzoni, Jessica Valdez, Chris Schaefer, William Myers.

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.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 any changes or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Zeke Ward to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Higel asked for public comment. Peggy Godfrey reported she would oppose all Annual Replacement Plans (ARPs) which require Closed Basin Project water to fulfill winter replacements.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 2025 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.***

Quinton Norris provided a summary of the Subdistrict No. 1 ARP. He went over the projected forecast, groundwater consumptive use, depletions, post-plan depletions and replacement sources. Amber Pacheco reported the Closed Basin Project lies within the Subdistrict No. 1 boundaries and has been utilized by the Subdistrict to remedy depletions in the past.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 1 to use 245.2 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2025 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 1 2025 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 2 2025 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 a summary of the Subdistrict No. 2 ARP. He provided the projected pumping, net groundwater consumptive use, impacts to the Rio Grande and the post-plan depletions. Mr. Bellah went over the remedies and commented on the reduction of pumping trend within the Subdistrict.

A motion was made by Mike Kruse to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 2 to use 1,126.4 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Zeke Ward. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2025 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Zeke Ward to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 2 2025 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to approve RGWCD to act as financial guarantor for post-plan depletions for Subdistrict No. 2. The motion was seconded by Zeke Ward.

Amber Pacheco explained why Subdistrict No. 2 requests the District act as a financial guarantor.

The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 3 2025 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 a summary of the Subdistrict No. 3 ARP. He went over the NRCS projected forecast, groundwater withdrawals and total impacts to the rivers. Mr. Bellah highlighted the BLM Lovato Ditch augmentation water and went over the forbearance agreements.

A motion was made by Mike Kruse to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 3 to use 1,241.3 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 2025 Annual Replacement plan***

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 3 2025 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse. 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***

Angelo Bellah presented a summary of the Subdistrict No. 6 ARP. He went over the groundwater withdrawals, impacts to the rivers, post-plan depletions and the monthly stream depletions. Mr. Bellah highlighted the remedies and winter time depletions as well as the amount of water being stored. Discussion was held on use of the Closed Basin Project water.

A motion was made by Armando Valdez to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 6 to use 3,374.0 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 2025 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 6 2025 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

REVIEW AND ACTION SUBDISTRICT NO. 4 2025 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN

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

- ***Resolution for approval of the 2025 Annual Replacement Plan***

Chris Ivers provided the number of wells included in the ARP list, the five (5) year average groundwater withdrawals, and the projected groundwater withdrawals. He went over the depletions, post-plan depletions and remedies on San Luis Creek and Crestone Creek.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 4 2025 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon 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 provided the number of wells included in the ARP and reported on the continued increase in the Subdistrict No. 5 composite water head. He highlighted the five (5) year average groundwater withdrawals, carry over credits available to members, and the 90% pumping allocation. Mr. Ivers went over the forecast and total depletions during the irrigation season on Saguache and San Luis Creek. He reported the Subdistrict had secured enough water to remedy their depletions. Amber Pacheco provided an update on Phase 7 of the model. She explained that approval of the resolution includes approval of the Subdistricts request to purchase fifty (50) acre-feet of stored water from the District.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution to allow Subdistrict No. 5 to use 281 acre-feet of Closed Basin Project water for the replacement of injurious depletions as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

- ***Resolution for Approval of the 2025 Annual Replacement Plan***

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Resolution for Approval of the Subdistrict No. 5 2025 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mike Kruse. Peggy Godfrey voted no; the motion passed.

President Higel thanked staff for their hard work.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.



 President



 Secretary/Treasurer

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

**APPROVING THE 2025 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 11, 2025, 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 2025 Annual Replacement Plan of Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

ATTEST:

By: Zeke Ward
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

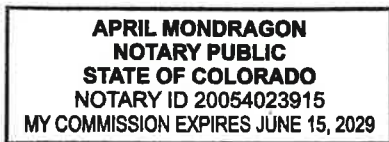
By: Greg Higel
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 11th day of April, 2025, by Greg Higel, President, Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-29



April Mondragon
Notary Public

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

**TO ALLOW SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 TO USE A PORTION OF THE CLOSED BASIN
PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS UNDER THE
2025 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 11, 2025, 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.

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 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 245.2 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 1 2025 Annual Replacement Plan (“2025 ARP”) and the use of said water under the 2025 ARP to remedy injurious depletions is approved.

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

April 11, 2025

**APPROVING 2025 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 11, 2025, 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 11th day of April, 2025 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 2 2025 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)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 11th day of April, 2025, by Greg Higel, President, Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-29

**APRIL MONDRAGON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20054023915
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 15, 2029**

April Mondragon
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 2025 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 11, 2025, 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 2025 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 2 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 1,126.4 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 2 2025 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2025 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 11, 2025

**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 11th day of April, 2025 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 ensure 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.

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

April 11, 2025

**APPROVING 2025 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 11, 2025, 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 11th day of April, 2025 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 3 2025 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

By: 
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 
Greg Higell
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
) ss
STATE OF COLORADO)

Subscribed and sworn to me this 11th day of April, 2025, by Greg Higel, President, Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-29

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**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 2025 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 11, 2025, 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 2025 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 2 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 1,241.3 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 3 2025 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2025 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: *Zeke Ward*
Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

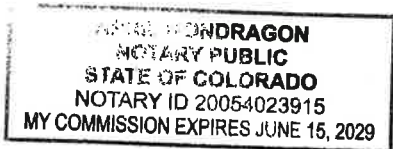
By: *Greg Higel*
Greg Higel
President

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Notary Public

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

April 11, 2025

**APPROVING 2025 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 11, 2025, 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 11th day of April, 2025, that:

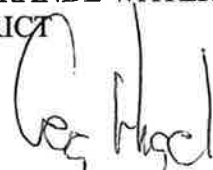
The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 4 2025 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

By: 

Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: 

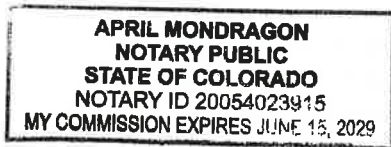
Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
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STATE OF COLORADO)

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

APRIL 11, 2025

**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 2025 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 11, 2025, 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 2025 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 this Project Water will be used to replace depletions from May 1st, 2025 – April 30th, 2026, on the Rio Grande.
2. The inclusion of 281 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 5 2025 Annual Replacement Plan and the use of said water under the 2025 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

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

April 11, 2025

**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 11th, 2025, 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 11th day of April, 2025 that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 5 2025 Annual Replacement Plan.

ATTEST:

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

By: _____

Zeke Ward
Secretary/Treasurer

By: _____

Greg Higel
President

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA)
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April Mondragon
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 2025 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at a special meeting held on April 11, 2025, 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 2025 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 2 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 3,374.0 acre-feet of water from the production of the Closed Basin Project as a source of supply in the Subdistrict No. 6 2025 Annual Replacement Plan in the amount of 1,899 acre-feet to the Rio Grande River and 1,475 acre-feet to the Conejos River and the use of said water under the 2025 ARP to remedy injurious stream depletions is approved.

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

April 11, 2025

**APPROVING 2025 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 11, 2025, 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

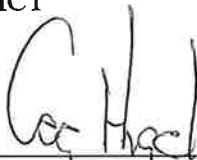
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District on the 11th day of April, 2025, that:

The District hereby accepts and approves the Subdistrict No. 6 2025 Annual Replacement Plan to run from May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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 11th day of April, 2025, by Greg Higel, President,
Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District

Witness my hand and seal.

My commission expires: 6-15-29

**APRIL MONDRAGON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20054023915
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 15, 2029**

April Mondragon
Notary Public